

The Numerical Features of the Book of Joshua

A New Approach to its Compositional Structure

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Introduction to the Logotechnical Analysis of the Book of Joshua

In terms of the narrative thread of the Torah, running from Genesis 1,1 to Deuteronomy 34,12, the book of Joshua is the logical follow-up on the book of Deuteronomy. Having proclaimed YHWH's laws in Deuteronomy, Moses dies and is succeeded by Joshua, the main character in the book bearing his name. As a matter of fact, the book of Joshua stresses the continuity of leadership from Moses to Joshua and depicts Joshua as the guardian of the Law of Moses. Moreover, the book of Joshua complements the story of Ancient Israel in the Torah by relating the *fulfilment* of YHWH's promise to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land.

This gives substance to the concept of a Hexateuch (Genesis-Joshua) which came into scholarly use since the time of Kuenen and Wellhausen.¹ However, this concept has never found wide acceptance in contrast to Martin Noth's thesis that Genesis-Numbers should be differentiated from the Books Deuteronomy-Joshua through Kings, which he regarded as a unified history of Israel written by a single author/compiler, the Deuteronomist.²

However, this thesis is highly questionable. First, there is no evidence for the existence of a Tetrateuch as a distinct literary entity, nor was there any reason for writing a book that tells the story of Israel only until the arrival of the twelve tribes in the Plains of Moab. Second, the concept of a 'Deuteronomistic History of Ancient Israel' starting with a certain Moses addressing the Israelites, so to say out of the blue on the eastern border of Canaan, is totally inconceivable.

For these and other reasons Noth's concept of a Deuteronomistic History should definitely be abandoned in favour of the view that the books of Genesis-Kings were conceived as one great historic work: the Story of Israel from the creation of the world to the fall of the Kingdom of Judah.³ I hope to show that a logotechnical analysis of the Books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings can provide new and cogent supplementary evidence in support of the thesis that these books together with the Torah constitute one distinct literary entity. See now the [Overview of the Results](#).

Therefore, when I started analysing Joshua, it did not surprise me to encounter exactly the same compositional techniques as I found in the Torah, more specifically the use of the divine name numbers **17** and **26** to weave the name of YHWH into the fabric of the text, to structure and finalize it and to highlight certain crucial sections of it. The following overview shows the extent to which **17** and **26** govern and highlight specific passages in the text. See also my [article from 2008](#).

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| § 1 | 1,1-4,14 | 42 of the 73 verses (58%) and 776 of the 1271 words (61%) |
| § 2 | 4,15-5,12 | 22 of the 22 verses (100%) and 357 of the 357 (21x17) words (100%) |
| § 3 | 5,13-6,25 | 28 of the 28 verses (100%) and 510 of the 510 (30x17) words (100%) |
| § 4 | 6,26-7,26 | 10 of the 28 verses (36%) and 216 of the 524 words (41%) |
| § 5 | 8,1-35 | 22 of the 35 verses (63%) and 400 of the 616 words (65%) |
| § 6 | 9,1-12,24 | 51 of the 117 verses (44%) and 770 of the 1837 words (42%) |
| § 7 | 13,1-19,51 | 79 of the 218 verses (36%) and 802 of the 2620 words (38%) |
| § 8 | 20,1-21,45 | 39 of the 55 verses (71%) and 556 of the 755 words (74%) |
| § 9 | 22,1-34 | 22 of the 34 verses (65%) and 421 of the 688 words (61%) |
| § 10 | 23,1-16 | 14 of the 16 verses (88%) and 241 of the 299 words (81%) |
| § 11 | 24,1-33 | 10 of the 31 verses (32%) and 145 of the 574 words (27%) |
| Grand Total | | 335 of the 658 verses (51%) and 5144 of the 10051 words (53%) |

¹ For a recent argument for the Hexateuch, see J. Milgrom, *Numbers* (JPS Torah Commentary), 1990, xiii-xix, and D.A. Dorsey, *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1999, 97-102.

² Martin Noth, *Überlieferungsgeschichtliche Studien*, 1943; 2. unveränderte Auflage: Tübingen, 1957.

³ Recently defended by Jan-Wim Wesselijs, *The Origin of the History of Israel: Herodotus's Histories as Blueprint for the First Books of the Bible* (JSOTS, 345), Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press/Continuum, 2002. I intend to return to, and argue for, this thesis in a [separate article](#) after my analysis of the book of Kings.

In comparison with the books of the Torah, the average percentage in the book of Joshua is somewhat lower than that in the Torah, for in Genesis it is **71%** of the verses and **79%** of the words, and in Exodus it is **73%** of the verses and **73%** of the words. The difference can be explained as due to large sections of the text in 10-19 which contain geographical information and lists of cities. In 13-19 it is only **36%** of the verses and **38%** of the words. However, as I shall show below, the second half of the book (13,1-24,31, excluding 24,32-33, which is a secondary Appendix) has altogether **4896 (288x17)** words, which brings the average for the book as a whole to **79%**. In any case, a considerable number of passages throughout the book are highlighted by the two divine name numbers, which were continuously woven into the fabric of the text to signify YHWH's presence through his name in the events described and the words spoken.

Let me give some salient examples of the use of **17** and **26** and their multiples in order to let the reader get an idea of this most intriguing compositional technique which is used in Joshua in much the same way as in the books of the Torah:

1. כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, 'All Israel', occurs **17x** (3,7.17; 4,14; 7,24.25; 8,15.21.24.33; 10,15.29.31.34.36.38.43; 23,2).
2. The story of Rahab and the spies she protected (2,8-24): **289 (17x17)** words.
3. The instructions given by the officers for the mobilization and invasion (3,1-4): **68 (4x17)** words.
4. Joshua's orders for the erection of twelve stones representing the tribes (4,4-13): **187 (11x17)** words.
5. The sojourn at Gilgal: circumcision and Pesach (4,15-5,12): **357 (21x17)** words.
6. Warfare: the destruction of Jericho under the ban (5,13-6,25): **510 (30x17)** words.
7. Joshua's curse laid upon Jericho and Achan's theft of forbidden things (6,26-7,1): **52 (2x26)** words.
8. Joshua sends spies to explore the city of Ai (7,2-3): **52 (2x26)** words.
9. Joshua takes measures to have Achan stoned (7,24-26): **78 (3x26)** words.
10. The destruction of Ai and the massacre of the inhabitants (8,18b-29): **204 (12x17)** words.
11. The ceremonies at Mount Ebal, the founding of a nation in Canaan (8,30-35): **119 (7x17)** words.
12. The overview of all the land conquered by Joshua (11,10-20): **208 (8x26)** words.
13. The list of the 31 kings killed on the west bank of the Jordan (12,7-24): **26 + 119(7x17)** words.
14. The distribution of land by Moses among the Transjordanian tribes (13,8-14): **102 (6x17)** words.
15. The inheritances of Benjamin, Simeon, Zebulon and Issachar (18,11-19,23): **442 (17x26)** words.
16. The inheritances of Asher, Naphtali and Dan (19,24-48): **221 (13x17)** words.
17. The inheritances of these **7** tribes taken together (18,11-19,48): **663 (39x17)** words.
18. Chapters 13-22 have altogether **4063 (239x17)** words.
19. In 15,1-16,10 the inheritances of Judah and Ephraim is made up of **676 (26x26)** words.
20. In 18,21-28 the list of the 14 Benjaminite cities is made up of **52 (2x26)** words.
21. Joshua dispatches the Transjordanian tribes and blesses them (22,1-6): **102 (6x17)** words.
22. The words spoken by the Israelites accusing the Transjordanian tribes (22,16-20): **104 (4x26)** words.
23. The Transjordanian tribes defend themselves (22,21-28): **52 (2x26) + 52 + 51 (3x17)** words.
24. Joshua's admonitory charge to the people, including the introduction (23,1-13): **208 (8x26)** words.
25. In Chapters 1-4 YHWH speaks altogether **221 (13x17)** words (4 speeches).
26. In Chapters 1-12 YHWH speaks altogether **520 (20x26)** words (14 speeches).
27. YHWH's very last speech (20,1-6) is made up of **104 (4x26)** words.
28. The numerical features of YHWH's *message* quoted by Joshua in 24,2-13, in which YHWH refers to the three crucial events in the history of Israel, are most significant:
 1. The birth of Jacob and Esau, land given to Esau and Jacob's arrival in Egypt (v. 4): **17** words.
 2. The sojourn of Abraham's descendants in Egypt and in the Wilderness (vs. 5-7): **51** words.
 3. Their arrival on the west bank of the Jordan and the conquest of Jericho (vs. 11-12): **34** words.

These characteristic numerical features of the divine speeches demonstrate the utmost care with which they were composed and how the author/redactor used them to express the belief that YHWH is the Lord of history who continually gives directions for action to Joshua and the Israelites. In much the same way as in the Torah the divine speeches constitute the backbone of the book. See the table at the end of the file. These examples must suffice to demonstrate that Joshua is an ingeniously designed, meticulously composed numerical work of art. For particulars scrutinize the tables and the Observations below.

The Compositional Structure of the Book of Joshua

There is no general agreement about the division of the text. Hendrik Koorevaar has compiled an impressive list of no less than 31 different divisions, ranging from 2 to 15 parts.⁴ However, a considerable number of commentators agree on a tripartite structure. Nevertheless, Koorevaar still found nine different tripartite divisions (for full particulars, see Koorevaar, pp. 95-97):

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| C.F. Keil 1874 | W. Möller 1934 | A. Schultz 1980 | W. Scroggie 1940 | J.S. Baxter 1958 | H.W. Herzberg 1953 | M. Noth 1938; 1971 ³ | J.A. Soggin 1972 | G.W. Anderson 1964 |
| 1,1-9 | 1-2 | 1-4 | 1,1-5,12 | 1-5 | 1-12 | 1-12 | 1-12 | 1-12 |
| 1,10-12,24 | 3-21 | 5-12 | 5,13-12,24 | 6-12 | 13-19 | 13,1-21,42 | 13-21 | 13-22 |
| 13-24 | 22-24 | 13-24 | 13-24 | 13-24 | 20-24 | 21,43-24,33 | 22-24 | 23-24 |

J.H. Kroeze (COT, 1968) and R.D. Nelson (OTL, 1997) divide the text into paragraphs: 44 and 28 respectively. Seeing that sevenfold structures are very popular in biblical texts, R.G. Bowling (AB, 1982) has proposed a heptadic structure: **I: 1,1-5,12; II: 5,13-11,23; III: 12-19; IV: 20-21; V: 22; VI: 23; VII: 24**. However, despite the profuse use of heptadic structures in the Torah, I found not a single instance in Joshua. It is precisely in this respect that the book of Joshua differs from the books of the Torah.

The logotechnical analysis of Joshua has shown that a study of the numerical features of the text can shed new light on the architecture of the book bringing some order in the chaos of the 31 individual divisions.

My first crucial observation was that there is a clear break in the text after Chapter 12, which marks the completion of the conquest with a list of the **31** Canaanite kings slain by Joshua. This important seam in the text is underscored by the following numerical considerations:

First, the use of the number **31** referring to the Canaanite kings slain by Joshua:

Joshua 12, which contains a list of the **31** Canaanite kings, is made up of **248** (8x**31**) words.

Joshua 1-12 is made up of **5115** words, likewise a multiple of **31** (165x**31**);

Joshua 1-11 have a number of words that prelude on the killing of the **31** kings: **4867** (157x**31**);

Joshua 1,1-4,14 is made up of **1271** words, which is also a multiple of **31** (41x**31**);

In Joshua 1,1-5,12 the root עָבַר, 'to cross'/'edge'/'bank', occurs **31** times.

Second, the use of **11**, the number of fulfilment, to signify the completion of the conquest:

Joshua 1-8, about the mobilization and the capture of Jericho and Ai, has **3278** (298x**11**) words.

Joshua 8,1-35 has altogether **616** words, which is also a multiple of **11** (56x**11**). See Observation 4!

Joshua 9-12, which deals with the subsequent conquests after the capture of Jericho and Ai, is made up of **1837** (167x**11**) words and **7216** (656x**11**) letters.

These observations can only be interpreted as conclusive evidence that Chapters 1-12 have carefully been finalized, rounded off and sealed as a distinct literary unit. Moreover, they suggest a bipartite structure for the book, that is to say, provided that the second half, Chapters 13 through the end, can be proved to be also a finalized and sealed literary unit. In order to do so, we first have to ascertain where the book ends: at the very last verse (24,33), or with the death and burial of Joshua (24,29-31).

Consequently, if v. 31 marks the end of the book, then vs. 32-33 must be an *Appendix* which was secondarily attached. Once again the numerical aspects of the text can help us decide whether this is so: The second half of the book, Part III-IV (13,1-24,31) is made up of **4896** (288x**17**) words, by which it was rounded off and sealed as a distinct unit. This conclusively proves that it originally ended at v. 31.⁵

⁴ H.J. Koorevaar, *De opbouw van het boek Jozua*, Academisch proefschrift, Centrum voor Bijbelse Vorming België: Heverlee, 1990, pp. 95-102.

⁵ Two commentators, B. Alfrink, *Josue* (De Boeken van het Oude Testament), J.J. Romen en Zonen Uitgevers: Roermond & Maaseik, 1952, pp. 116f., and H. Möller, *Alttestamentliche Bibelkunde*, Berlin, 1986, pp. 105-106, regard vs. 29-33 as an Epilogue/Appendix. However, since vs. 29-31 deal specifically with the death and burial of Joshua, these verses must be part of the preceding passage. Thus, the Appendix consists only of vs. 32-33.

In this respect, it is important to note that v. 31 functions as a cliffhanger – a literary device that is frequently used in the narrative literature of TNK:⁶

*“Israel served YHWH throughout the lifetime of Joshua
and of the elders who outlived Joshua, and who knew all that YHWH had done for Israel.”*

The cliffhanger leaves the reader in suspense and anxious to know what happened after the death of Joshua and these elders, and opens the way to the continuation of the story of Israel in the book of Judges. The overall structure of Joshua appears to be based on the architecture of the book of Numbers, which has basically a bipartite structure, of which each of the two parts divides into two subsections, [in my view](#), as a result of which it has a fourfold structure. As for the relationship with Numbers, in the storyline of the Torah, the march of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land had come to a stand-still on the east bank of the Jordan (at the end of Numbers!) in order to allow Moses to address the people before they cross the Jordan. And it is precisely at that locality that the book of Joshua picks up the storyline and continues the story of Israel, including the farewell address of Moses in the book of Deuteronomy. Because of the interconnection between Numbers and Joshua, it is not surprising to find that the author/redactor of Joshua chose a bipartite instead of a tripartite or even a sevenfold structure:

1-12 The mobilization and the conquest, sealed by **5115** (165x**31**) words:

13,1-24,31 The distribution of land and Joshua’s final measures, sealed by **4896** (288x**17**) words.

Koorevaar has seriously considered a fivefold structure, taking 20-21 as a distinct main part:

1. 1,1-5,12; 2. 5,13-12,24; 3. 13-19; 4. 20-21; 5. 22-24

but ultimately opted for a fourfold structure, linking 20-21 to Chapters 13-19 in order to form Part III: 13-21. According to him, the division of the book into four parts is determined by *divine initiatives* in the crucial events and *evident conclusions* at the end of the four the main parts, namely [5,1-12](#) for Part I, [11,16-12,24](#) for Part II, [21,43-45](#) for Part III, and [24,29-33](#) for Part IV.

Moreover, Koorevaar’s fourfold structure is undergirded by five *crucial key-words*:⁷

I: 1,1-5,12 The Mobilization and the Invasion of the Promised Land: עבר, ‘to cross’⁸

II: 5,13-12,24 The Conquest and Occupation of the Promised Land: לקח, ‘to take’ and לכד, ‘to capture’⁹

III: 13-21 The Distribution of the Conquered Land: חלק, ‘to apportion’¹⁰

IV: 22-24 Joshua’s Preparations for the Service of YHWH in Canaan: עבד, ‘to serve’.

With due regard for the Masoretic layout markers and the contents Koorevaar found 28 subsections:¹¹

I: 1. [1,1-9](#) 2. [1,10-18](#) 3. [2,1-24](#) 4. [3,1-4,24](#) 5. [5,1-12](#);

II: 6. [5,13-6,5](#) 7. [6,6-27](#) 8. [7,1-8,29](#) 9. [8,30-35](#) 10. [9,1-27](#) 11. [10,1-43](#) 12. [11,1-15](#) 13. [11,16-12,24](#);

III: 14. [13,1-7](#) 15. [13,8-33](#) 16. [14,1-5](#) 17. [14,6-15](#) 18. [15,1-17,18](#) 19. [18,1-10](#) 20. [18,11-19,48](#)

21. [19,49-51](#) 22. [20,1-6](#) 23. [20,7-21,42](#) 24. [21,43-45](#);

IV: 25. [22,1-34](#) 26. [23,1-16](#) 27. [24,1-28](#) 28. [24-29-33](#).

When it comes to the division of a text on the basis of content, it is only natural that individual scholars come to different conclusions. Contrary to Koorevaar, and guided by numerical

⁶ For the use of the cliffhanger, see Observation 16 on p. 25 in my analysis of [Numbers](#).

⁷ See Koorevaar, pp. 113-120.

⁸ The verb עבר, ‘to cross’, occurs **26x** in Part I: 1,2.11a.11b.14; 2,23; 3,1.2.4.6.11.14.16.17a.17b; 4,3.5.7.8.10.11.12.13.22.23a.23b; 5,1, which refers numerically to YHWH’s presence at the crossing of the Jordan. Its counterpart by alliteration, the verb עבד, ‘to serve’ (YHWH or his service as object) occurs **12x** in 22-24, namely: 22,5.27; 24,14(2x).15(2x).18.19.21.22.24.31, which may be interpreted as stressing numerically that serving YHWH is the duty of all **12** tribes! In Chapter 24 the phrase ‘serving YHWH’ occurs **10x**.

⁹ The verb לקח, ‘take’, occurs only **3x** in Part II: 6,18; 7,11.19, but לכד, ‘to capture militarily’, no less than **13x**: 6,20; 8,19.21; 10,1.28.32.35.37.39.42; 11,10.12.17. The number **13** is the numerical value of אחד, ‘One’.

¹⁰ The root חלק, ‘apportion’, occurs **17x** in Part III: 13,7; 14,4.5; 15,13; 17,2; 18,2.5a.5b.6.7.9.10a.10b; 19,9.25.51; 21,31, by which the number **17** stresses the presence of YHWH in the distribution of the land.

¹¹ For details, see Koorevaar, p. 262.

considerations, I propose a bipartite structure subdivided into four parts with altogether **11** paragraphs, a division that will be explained in the following overview and in the tables below.

The delimitation of **§2** as 4,15-5,12 and **§3** as 5,13-6,25 is fundamentally determined by multiples of the number **17** because of the fact that **§2** is rounded off as a distinct unit and sealed by its **357** (21x17) words, and **§3** in its turn, by its **510** (30x17) words. As a result, **§1** can only be delimited as 1,1-4,14, and **§4** as 6,26-7,26, which is confirmed by the fact that Chapter 7 is sealed by its **26** verses.

§5, 8,1-35, appears to be a close-knit, coherent literary entity, dealing with the final conquest of Ai and the ensuing ceremonies at Mount Ebal for the founding of Israel as a nation in Canaan.

§6, 9-12, deals with the conquest of the rest of the land Canaan and is concluded by the list of **31** Canaanite kings slain by Joshua (Chapter 12), which is determined and rounded off by a number of words that are a multiple of **31** signifying the **31** kings and their cities. See Observation 6 below.

§7, 13-19, deals with the allotment of land to **11** tribes, excluding the Levites, and is concluded and rounded off by the statement “*Thus they completed the distribution of the land*” in 19,51.

Additionally, Chapter 19 is finalized and sealed by its **51** (3x17) verses.

§8, 20-21, deals with the setting aside of the cities of refuge and the cities for the Levites and is concluded and rounded off by the statement “*Not a word of YHWH’s promises to the house of Israel went unfulfilled; they all came true.*” (21,45)

§9, 22,1-34, deals with the return of the Transjordanian tribes and the threat of civil war. I regard 22 as a separate paragraph belonging to Part III, contrary to Koorevaar who links it to 23-24. Numerically speaking, the result is astonishing: **Part III: §§7-9, 13-22**, constitutes a coherent literary unit, rounded off and sealed by a number of words that are a multiple of **17**, namely **4036** (239x17).

§§10-11 23-24,31 are finalized and sealed by their **833** (49x17) words: **49**, the square of **7**, the number of fullness, multiplied by the divine name number **17**, which is a splendid conclusion to the original version of the book before the Appendix was added.

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| Part I: 1,1-5,12 | The Mobilization and the Invasion of the Promised Land: עָבַר, ‘to cross’ occurs 26x |
| §1 (1,1-4,14) | The Crossing of the Jordan: Joshua Erects Twelve Stones P 1271 words; 4946 letters |
| §2 (4,15-5,12) | The Sojourn at Gilgal: Circumcision and Pesach S 357 (21x17) words; 1390 letters |
| Part II: 5,13-12,24 | The Conquest and Occupation of the Promised Land: לָכַד, ‘to capture’ occurs 13x |
| §3 (5,13-6,25) | Jericho is Conquered and Destroyed under the Ban P 510 (30x17) words; 2042 letters |
| §4 (6,26-7,26) | The Failed Attack on Ai and the Punishment of Achan’s Sin P 524 words; 2043 letters |
| §5 (8,1-35) | The Conquest of Ai and the Ceremonies at Mount Ebal P 616 words; 2370 letters |
| §6 (9-12) | The Conquest of the Rest of the Land of Canaan P 1837 words; 7216 letters |
| Part III: 13-22 | The Distribution of the Conquered Land: הִלֵּךְ, ‘apportion’, occurs 17x |
| §7 (13-19) | Land Apportioned to Eleven Tribes P 10627 letters; 2620 words |
| §8 (20-21) | Cities of Refuge and Cities for the Levites P 2935 letters; 755 words |
| §9 (22) | The Return of the Transjordanian Tribes P 2695 letters; 688 words |
| Part IV: 23-24 | Joshua’s Farewell Address, the Covenant, his Death and Burial: עָבַד, ‘to serve’, occurs 10x |
| §10 (23) | Joshua’s Farewell Address P 1239 letters; 299 words |
| §11 (24,1-31) | Joshua’s Shechem Covenant, his Death and Burial 2149 letters; 534 words |
| Appendix: 24,32-33 | The Burial of Joseph’s Bones (26 words), Eleazar’s Death (14 words; 52 [2x26] letters). |

For an explanation of the **4063** (239x17) words of Part III: §§7-9 (13-22), see Observation 9 below.

V. 33 in the Appendix, dealing with the death and burial of Eleazar, is highlighted by its **52** letters (2x26).

For the details about the occurrences of the five **key-words**, see note 8 on page 4.

The **10** occurrences of the verb עָבַד, ‘to serve’, have YHWH as object. The fact that Joshua is explicitly, and only here (24,29) called עֶבֶד יְהוָה, ‘the servant of YHWH’, gives extra substance to the use of עָבַד as a key-word in Chapter 24 in connection with the Shechem Covenant. The use of **10** should be regarded as intentional design in order to refer symbolically to the Ten Commandments as the prerequisite for the service of YHWH.

Part I: 1,1-5,12 The Mobilization and the Invasion of the Promised Land

§1 1,1-4,14 The Crossing of the Jordan: Joshua Erects Twelve Stones

| Vss | Text | Words | Letters | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|---------|------|-----------|------|--|
| 1 | Josh 1,1 | 15 | 53 | 1-2 | 15 | DS 1 | 1,1-9 YHWH summons Joshua to advance |
| 2 | Josh 1,2 | 21+ | 69 | | 36 | 144 | He orders him to get ready to cross the |
| 3 | Josh 1,3 | 13/34(2x17) | 44 | | 49 | | Jordan to the promised land in order to |
| 4 | Josh 1,4 | 18 | 73 | | 67 | | fulfil his promise to Moses: 34 words. |
| 5 | Josh 1,5 | 17 | 59 | | 84 | | He promises to be with Joshua: 17 words. |
| 6 | Josh 1,6 | 15 | 52 | | 99 | | |
| 7 | Josh 1,7 | 22 | 80 | | 121 | | YHWH speaks 144 (12x12) words. |
| 8 | Josh 1,8 | 23 | 83 | | 144 | | |
| 9 | Josh 1,9 | 15 | 52 | 3 | 159/159 | P | |
| 10 | Josh 1,10 | 6 | 22 | | 165 | Jo 1 | 1,10-18 Joshua gives orders for the crossing |
| 11 | Josh 1,11 | 29 | 108 | 4 | 194/35 | S | Joshua: 6+29=35 |
| 12 | Josh 1,12 | 8 | 38 | | 202 | | Joshua speaks 100 words. |
| 13 | Josh 1,13 | 19 | 68 | 5-6 | 221 | Jo 2 | Joshua: 8+71=79 |
| 14 | Josh 1,14 | 21+ | 89 | | 242 | | Special emphasis on his address to |
| 15 | Josh 1,15 | 31/52(2x26) | 118 | 7-9 | 273 | | the Transjordanian tribes: 52(2x26). |
| 16 | Josh 1,16 | 4+9/13 9+ | 48 | | 286 | | People: 4+43=47 |
| 17 | Josh 1,17 | 17 17/26 | 56 | 10 | 303 | | The solemn promise of the people |
| 18 | Josh 1,18 | 17 | 55 | | 320/126 | P | expressing their loyalty: 26+17. |
| 19 | Josh 2,1 | 11+6+9/26 | 100 | | 346 | Jo 3 | 2,1-24 Spies sent to explore Jericho: 26 |
| 20 | Josh 2,2 | 4+10=14 | 56 | | 360 | | Joshua: 11+6=17 |
| 21 | Josh 2,3 | 6+13=19+ | 71 | | 379 | | Rapport: 4+10=14 King of Jericho: 6+13=19 |
| 22 | Josh 2,4 | 7+8=15/34 | 59 | | 394 | | Rahab: 7+24=31 |
| 23 | Josh 2,5 | 16 | 69 | | 410 | | 2,3-4 is emphasized by 34 words. |
| 24 | Josh 2,6 | 10 | 40 | | 420 | | |
| 25 | Josh 2,7 | 14 | 67 | | 434 | | |
| 26 | Josh 2,8 | 8+ | 31 | | 442 | | Rahab: 11+99=110 |
| 27 | Josh 2,9 | 3+17=20+ | 77 | 11 | 462 | | |
| 28 | Josh 2,10 | 26+ | 105 | 12 | 488 | | 2,8-24 is in its entirety highlighted |
| 29 | Josh 2,11 | 19+ | 76 | 13 | 507 | | by 289 (17x17) words. |
| 30 | Josh 2,12 | 20+ | 67 | 14 | 527 | | |
| 31 | Josh 2,13 | 17+ | 61 | | 544 | | |
| 32 | Josh 2,14 | 3+19=22+ | 83 | 15 | 566 | | Spies: 3+19=22 |
| 33 | Josh 2,15 | 11+ | 47 | | 577 | | |
| 34 | Josh 2,16 | 2+16=18+ | 73 | | 595 | | Rahab: 13+16=29 |
| 35 | Josh 2,17 | 3+6=9+ | 44 | | 604 | | |
| 36 | Josh 2,18 | 27+ | 100 | | 631 | | Spies: 3+65=68 (4x17) |
| 37 | Josh 2,19 | 22+ | 80 | | 653 | | |
| 38 | Josh 2,20 | 10+ | 43 | | 663 | | |
| 39 | Josh 2,21 | 1+3+6=10/11+ | 48 | | 674 | | Rahab: 1+3=4 |
| 40 | Josh 2,22 | 16+ | 66 | | 690 | | |
| 41 | Josh 2,23 | 17+ | 68 | | 707 | | Spies: 20+13=33 |
| 42 | Josh 2,24 | 3+16/289(17x17) | 58 | 16 | 723/403 | S | |
| 43 | Josh 3,1 | 16+ | 66 | | 739 | | 3,1-4 The officers instruct the people |
| 44 | Josh 3,2 | 8+ | 37 | | 747 | | Officers: 12+40=52 (2x26). |
| 45 | Josh 3,3 | 4+15+19+ | 87 | 17 | 766 | | The whole paragraph is emphasized by |

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|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| 46 | Josh 3,4 | 25/68(4x17) | 94 | | 791/68 | S | the use of 68 (4x17) words. |
| 47 | Josh 3,5 | 4+7=11 | 46 | 18 | 802 | Jo 4 | 3,5-6 Joshua orders Israel to get ready |
| 48 | Josh 3,6 | 5+7+7=19 | 76 | | 821/30 | Jo 5 S | Joshua: 4+7=11 Joshua: 5+7=12 |
| 49 | Josh 3,7 | 4+16=20 | 73 | 19 | 841 | DS 2 | 3,7-4,1a The people pass over on dry ground |
| 50 | Josh 3,8 | 15 | 60 | | 856/35 | 31 | |
| 51 | Josh 3,9 | 5+7=12 | 47 | 20 | 868 | Jo 6 | Joshua: 5+7=12 |
| 52 | Josh 3,10 | 2+21=23 | 99 | | 891 | Jo 7 | Joshua: 2+65=45 |
| 53 | Josh 3,11 | 9 | 36 | | 900 | | |
| 54 | Josh 3,12 | 13 | 45 | | 913 | | |
| 55 | Josh 3,13 | 22 | 92 | 21 | 935 | | |
| 56 | Josh 3,14 | 13 | 57 | | 948 | | |
| 57 | Josh 3,15 | 20 | 82 | | 968 | | |
| 58 | Josh 3,16 | 26 | 101 | | 994 | | They cross over opposite Jericho: 26 words. |
| 59 | Josh 3,17 | 22 | 89 | 22 | 1016 | | |
| 60 | Josh 4,1a | 8 | 29 | | 1024/168 | P | |
| 60 | Josh 4,1b | 5 | 20 | 23 | 1029 | DS 3 | 4,1b-14 The twelve stones brought to Gilgal |
| 61 | Josh 4,2 | 12 | 39 | | 1041 | 37 | |
| 62 | Josh 4,3 | 25 | 106 | | 1066/42 | S | This S directs attention to what follows. |
| 63 | Josh 4,4 | 15+ | 55 | | 1081 | Jo 8 | 4,4-13 is highlighted by its 187 (11x17) words. |
| 64 | Josh 4,5 | 3+19=22+ | 86 | 24 | 1103 | | Joshua: 5+56=61 |
| 65 | Josh 4,6 | 14+ | 55 | | 1117 | | The number of fulfilment, 11 , has consciously |
| 66 | Josh 4,7 | 23+ | 99 | 25 | 1140 | | been used to symbolize numerically the |
| 67 | Josh 4,8 | 28+ | 113 | 26 | 1168 | | fulfilment of YHWH's commands. See v. 10! |
| 68 | Josh 4,9 | 19+ | 77 | | 1187 | | |
| 69 | Josh 4,10 | 27+ | 100 | 27 | 1214 | | The Reubenites, Gadites and the half tribe of |
| 70 | Josh 4,11 | 12+ | 47 | 28 | 1226 | | Manasseh cross over at the head of the people |
| 71 | Josh 4,12 | 16+ | 64 | | 1242 | | to the lowlands of Jericho as a fighting force |
| 72 | Josh 4,13 | 11/187(11x17) | 49 | 29 | 1253/187 | S | to do battle. The S focuses on what follows. |
| 73 | Josh 4,14 | 18 | 64 | 30 | 1271/205 | P | 4,14 harks back to YHWH's promise to Joshua |
| 73 vs | §1 1-4,14 | 1271 | 4946 | 30x | 1271 | | in 1,6 and 2,7. |

Observation 1 In §1 42 of the 73 verses (58%) and 776 of the 1271 words (61%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighting in Columns 3 and 8 is self-explanatory.

The concluding verse, 4,14, forms an inclusion with 1,5-6. It also functions as a cliffhanger: Joshua has been exalted by YHWH in the eyes of all Israel, which qualifies him as a military leader: the conquest can begin.

The number of words in §1, **1271**, is a multiple of **31** (41x31), which should not be waved aside as a matter of coincidence, because it refers numerically to the **31** Canaanite kings mentioned in Chapter 12 at the end of Part I (notably in 12,24: *"thirty-one kings in all"*).

For more occurrences of multiples of **31** alluding to the 31 kings, see p. 3 above and Observation 6 below.

§2 4,15-5,12 The Sojourn at Gilgal: Circumcision and Pesach

| Vss | Text | Words | Letters | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|--------|--------------|------------|---------|-------|------------|-------|--|
| 74 | Josh 4,15 | 5 | 20 | 31 | 1276 | DS 4 | 4,15-24 YHWH: Get out of the Jordan! |
| 75 | Josh 4,16 | 9 | 36 | | 1285 | 9 | |
| 76 | Josh 4,17 | 5+3=8 | 31 | | 1293 | Jo 9 | Joshua: 5+3=8 |
| 77 | Josh 4,18 | 25 | 108 | 32 | 1318 | | |
| 78 | Josh 4,19 | 12 | 52 | | 1330 | | |
| 79 | Josh 4,20 | 12 | 49 | | 1342 | Jo 10 | Joshua: 17+59=76 |
| 80 | Josh 4,21 | 5+10=15 | 59 | | 1357 | | |
| 81 | Josh 4,22 | 10 | 41 | | 1367 | | |
| 82 | Josh 4,23 | 21 | 84 | 33-34 | 1388 | | |
| 83 | Josh 4,24 | 18 | 61 | 35-36 | 1406 | S | This S directs attention to 5,1. |
| 84 | Josh 5,1 | 37 | 131 | 37 | 1443/172 | S | 5,1 The Canaanite kings are awestruck |
| 85 | Josh 5,2 | 6+10=16 | 55 | 38 | 1459 | DS 5 | 5,2-8 The second circumcision of Israel |
| 86 | Josh 5,3 | 12 | 46 | | 1471 | 10 | |
| 87 | Josh 5,4 | 18 | 73 | | 1489 | | |
| 88 | Josh 5,5 | 15 | 57 | | 1504 | | |
| 89 | Josh 5,6 | 38 | 144 | 39-41 | 1542 | | |
| 90 | Josh 5,7 | 15+ | 51 | | 1557 | | 5,7-8 The reason for the circumcision is |
| 91 | Josh 5,8 | 11/26 | 43 | | 1568/125 | P | highlighted by the use of 26 words. |
| 92 | Josh 5,9 | 4+6+8=18 | 71 | 42 | 1586 | DS 6 | 5,9-12 YHWH explains the name Gilgal |
| 93 | Josh 5,10 | 6+8=14 | 60 | | 1600 | 6 | He has 'rolled away' the reproach of |
| 94 | Josh 5,11 | 10 | 44 | | 1610 | | the Egyptians. |
| 95 | Josh 5,12 | 18 | 74 | | 1628/60 | S | |
| 22 vss | §2 4,15-5,12 | 357(21x17) | 1390 | 12x | 357(21x17) | | |

Observation 2 §2 in its entirety is governed by the number 17 through its 357 (21x17) words.

Vs. 7-8 are additionally highlighted by the number 26. Most significantly, Part I: §§1-2 (1,1-5,12) have altogether 1628 words (148x11) and 6336 letters (576x11), §3-5 (5,13-8,35) has 1650 (150x11), §6 (9,1-12,24) has 1837 (167x11), and Part II: 5,13-12,24, have altogether 3487 (317x11)! Note also that there are 11 paragraphs! The use of 11, the number of fulfilment, cannot possibly be a matter of chance. It signifies numerically the fulfilment of YHWH's promise to give Israel a land. At the same time, it precludes on the conquest and occupation: Part II. See especially Observations 4 and 5 below.

Part II: 5,13-12,24 The Conquest and Occupation of the Promised Land

§3 5,13-6,25 Jericho is Conquered and Destroyed under the Ban

| Vss | Text | Words | Letts. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|------|--------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|---|
| 96 | Josh 5,13 | 19+4=23 | 97 | | 1651 | | 5,13- Joshua meets YHWH's Swordsman |
| 97 | Josh 5,14 | 22 | 76 | 43 | 1673 | Jo 11 | Joshua: 19+4=23 Swordsman: 1+8=9 [DS 7] |
| 98 | Josh 5,15 | 6+12+3=21 | 71 | 44 | 1694 | Jo 12 | Joshua: 8+5=13 Swordsman: 6+12=18 [DS 8] |
| 99 | Josh 6,1 | 10 | 41 | | 1704/76 | S | |
| 100 | Josh 6,2 | 4+9=13 | 50 | 45 | 1717 | DS 9 | 6,2-11 The ark makes the first circuit of Jericho |
| 101 | Josh 6,3 | 15 | 52 | | 1732 | 63 | |
| 102 | Josh 6,4 | 18 | 88 | | 1750 | | |
| 103 | Josh 6,5 | 21 | 85 | | 1771 | | |
| 104 | Josh 6,6 | 8+13=21 | 88 | 46 | 1792 | Jo 13 | Joshua: 8+13=21 |
| 105 | Josh 6,7 | 3+9=12 | 47 | 47 | 1804 | Jo 14 | Joshua: 3+9=12 |
| 106 | Josh 6,8 | 21+ | 97 | 48-49 | 1825 | | Led by seven priests with trumpets, followed by |
| 107 | Josh 6,9 | 13/34(2x17) | 64 | | 1838 | | the Ark, the march around the city begins: 34. |
| 108 | Josh 6,10 | 5+16=21 | 81 | | 1859 | Jo 15 | Joshua: 5+16=21 |
| 109 | Josh 6,11 | 12 | 48 | 50 | 1871/167 | P | |
| 110 | Josh 6,12 | 8 | 35 | 51 | 1879 | | 6,12-25 Jericho captured and destroyed |
| 111 | Josh 6,13 | 24 | 117 | 52-53 | 1903 | | |
| 112 | Josh 6,14 | 13 | 47 | | 1916 | | |
| 113 | Josh 6,15 | 21 | 84 | | 1937 | | |
| 114 | Josh 6,16 | 10+7=17 | 70 | 54 | 1954 | | Joshua proclaims the victory: 17. |
| 115 | Josh 6,17 | 23 | 83 | 55 | 1977 | Jo 16 | Joshua: 10+59=69 He commands Israel to shout: 7. |
| 116 | Josh 6,18 | 17 | 66 | | 1994 | | He also tells the people that the city is under a ban |
| 117 | Josh 6,19 | 12 | 46 | 56-57 | 2006 | | and warns against coveting: 23+17+12=52. |
| 118 | Josh 6,20 | 25 | 104 | | 2031 | | |
| 119 | Josh 6,21 | 17 | 58 | | 2048 | | The city is completely destroyed: 17. |
| 120 | Josh 6,22 | 7+15=22 | 86 | | 2070 | Jo 17 | Joshua: 7+15=22 |
| 121 | Josh 6,23 | 24+ | 99 | | 2094 | | |
| 122 | Josh 6,24 | 16+ | 61 | 58 | 2110 | | |
| 123 | Josh 6,25 | 28/68(4x17) | 101 | | 2138/267 | P | Rahab and her family are spared and brought |
| 28vs | §3 5,13-6,25 | 510 (30x17) | 2042 | 16x | 510 (30x17) | | into safety by the two spies: 68 words. |

Observation 3 §3 in its entirety is governed by the number 17 through its 510 (30x17) words.

Additionally, 7 of the 28 verses (25%) and 136 of the 510 words (27%) are highlighted by 17 and 26.

Most astonishingly, §§2-3 taken together, the entire story of the arrival of the Israelites on the west bank and their stay at Gilgal until the capture and destruction of Jericho (4,15-6,25) has altogether 867 (51x17) words (357+510) and 3432 (132x26) letters (1390+2042)!

§4 6,26-7,26 The Failed Attack on Ai and the Punishment of Achan's Sin

| Vss | Text | Words | Let. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-------|-----------|-------------|------|-------|-----------|-------|---|
| 124 | Josh 6,26 | 5+17=22+ | 92 | 59 | 2160 | Jo 18 | 6,26-7,9 The failed attack on the city of Ai |
| 125 | Josh 6,27 | 8+ | 30 | 60 | 2168 | 17 | Joshua: 5+17=22 The curse he laid upon Jericho |
| 126 | Josh 7,1 | 22/52(3x26) | 79 | 61 | 2190 | | and Achan's theft of the forbidden things: 52. |
| 127 | Josh 7,2 | 15+4+5=24+ | 95 | | 2214 | Jo 19 | Joshua: 15+4=19 He sends spies to explore Ai: 52. |
| 128 | Josh 7,3 | 5+23=28/52 | 93 | | 2242 | | The spies: 5+23=28 |
| 129 | Josh 7,4 | 11 | 42 | | 2253 | | |
| 130 | Josh 7,5 | 19 | 78 | | 2272 | | |
| 131 | Josh 7,6 | 19 | 75 | 62 | 2291 | Jo 20 | Joshua: 21+48=69 |
| 132 | Josh 7,7 | 2+21=23+ | 94 | 63 | 2314 | | Part of Joshua's prayer is highlighted: 34. |
| 133 | Josh 7,8 | 11/34(2x17) | 38 | | 2325 | | |
| 134 | Josh 7,9 | 16 | 68 | | 2341/203 | S | |
| 135 | Josh 7,10 | 4+8=12 | 37 | 64 | 2353 | DS 10 | 7,10-26 Achan's sin caused Israel's defeat. |
| 136 | Josh 7,11 | 20 | 73 | | 2373 | 117 | |
| 137 | Josh 7,12 | 23 | 91 | | 2396 | | |
| 138 | Josh 7,13 | 25 | 95 | 65 | 2421 | | |
| 139 | Josh 7,14 | 22 | 107 | 66-68 | 2443 | | |
| 140 | Josh 7,15 | 19 | 64 | 69 | 2462 | | |
| 141 | Josh 7,16 | 10 | 45 | | 2472 | | |
| 142 | Josh 7,17 | 15 | 66 | | 2487 | | |
| 143 | Josh 7,18 | 14 | 51 | | 2501 | | |
| 144 | Josh 7,19 | 4+18=22 | 74 | 70 | 2523 | Jo 21 | Joshua: 4+18=22 |
| 145 | Josh 7,20 | 5+9=14 | 61 | 71 | 2537 | | Achan: 5+33=38 |
| 146 | Josh 7,21 | 24 | 108 | | 2561 | | |
| 147 | Josh 7,22 | 10 | 50 | | 2571 | | |
| 148 | Josh 7,23 | 13 | 53 | 72 | 2584 | | |
| 149 | Josh 7,24 | 36+ | 124 | | 2620 | | Joshua takes measures to have Achan stoned. |
| 150 | Josh 7,25 | 2+6+9=19+ | 80 | 73 | 2639 | Jo 22 | Joshua: 2+6=8 In the vale of Achor, the whole |
| 151 | Josh 7,26 | 23/78(3x26) | 80 | 74 | 2662/321 | P | community stone Achan and everything he has: 78. |
| 28 vs | § 4 | 524 | 2043 | 16x | 524 | | 7,1-26 has 494 (19x26) words. |

Observation 4 In §4 10 of the 28 verses (36%) and 216 of the 524 words (41%) are highlighted by 17 and 26. The highlighting in Columns 3 and 8 is self-explanatory. Note that 7,1-26 has 494 (19x26) words.

In terms of content, §3 (5,13-6,25) and §4 (6,26-7,26) are inextricably interconnected; they have altogether 1034 (94x11) words and deal with the story of the destruction of Jericho under the ban and its aftermath, the failed attack on Ai and the sin of Achan. This is additionally expressed by the fact that both paragraphs have 28 verses and 16 occurrences of the name YHWH. The 32 (16+16) instances of the divine name may have been consciously designed in order to refer to YHWH's glory ($kbwd = 10+2+6+4=32$).

§5 (8,1-35) has altogether 616 words, which is also a multiple of 11 (56x11). See Observation 5.

§5 8,1-35 The Conquest of Ai and the Ceremonies at Mount Ebal

| Vss | Text | Words | Let. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|--------|-----------|---------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|--|
| 152 | Josh 8,1 | 4+25=29 | 94 | 75 | 2691 | DS 11 | 8,1-17 Preparations for the assault on Ai |
| 153 | Josh 8,2 | 17 | 71 | | 2708 | 42 | Joshua must do to Ai as he did to Jericho: 17. |
| 154 | Josh 8,3 | 16 | 68 | | 2724 | Jo 23 | Joshua: 19+69=88 |
| 155 | Josh 8,4 | 3+14=17 | 67 | | 2741 | | |
| 156 | Josh 8,5 | 16 | 64 | | 2757 | | |
| 157 | Josh 8,6 | 15 | 67 | | 2772 | | |
| 158 | Josh 8,7 | 10 | 47 | 76 | 2782 | | |
| 159 | Josh 8,8 | 14 | 54 | 77 | 2796 | | |
| 160 | Josh 8,9 | 19 | 74 | | 2815 | | |
| 161 | Josh 8,10 | 13 | 51 | | 2828 | | |
| 162 | Josh 8,11 | 17 | 66 | | 2845 | | The Israelite army takes its positions: 17. |
| 163 | Josh 8,12 | 14 | 50 | | 2859 | | |
| 164 | Josh 8,13 | 18 | 70 | | 2877 | | |
| 165 | Josh 8,14 | 26 | 105 | | 2903 | | Ai's king and his men go out to battle: 26. |
| 166 | Josh 8,15 | 8 | 38 | | 2911 | | |
| 167 | Josh 8,16 | 13 | 55 | | 2924 | | |
| 168 | Josh 8,17 | 18 | 69 | | 2942/280 | P | |
| 169 | Josh 8,18 | 4+9+7+(=20) | 75 | 78 | 2962 | DS 12 | 8,18-29 Ai conquered and all inhabitants slain |
| 170 | Josh 8,19 | 15+ | 69 | | 2977 | 9 | |
| 171 | Josh 8,20 | 23+ | 90 | | 3000 | | In order to underline the importance of |
| 172 | Josh 8,21 | 18+ | 63 | | 3018 | | this decisive battle, the author/redactor |
| 173 | Josh 8,22 | 20+ | 78 | | 3038 | | has composed the <i>narrative</i> following YHWH's |
| 174 | Josh 8,23 | 9+ | 31 | | 3047 | | speech (8,18b-29) of 204 words: 12x17. |
| 175 | Josh 8,24 | 27+ | 95 | | 3074 | | This can be interpreted as symbolizing the |
| 176 | Josh 8,25 | 14+ | 49 | | 3088 | | bond between the 12 tribes of Israel and |
| 177 | Josh 8,26 | 14+ | 48 | | 3102 | | YHWH who is present through his Name |
| 178 | Josh 8,27 | 14+ | 52 | 79 | 3116 | | represented by its numerical value of 17. |
| 179 | Josh 8,28 | 11+ | 40 | | 3127 | | |
| 180 | Josh 8,29 | 32/204(12x17) | 113 | | 3159/217 | P | |
| 181 | Josh 8,30 | 9+ | 36 | 80 | 3168 | | 8,30-35 The ceremonies at Mount Ebal |
| 182 | Josh 8,31 | 26+ | 104 | 81-82 | 3194 | | Seeing the crucial importance of the acts |
| 183 | Josh 8,32 | 13+ | 46 | | 3207 | | performed here, the entire paragraph is |
| 184 | Josh 8,33 | 38+ | 151 | 83-84 | 3245 | | governed by the number 17 (119=7x17). |
| 185 | Josh 8,34 | 13+ | 51 | | 3258 | | These acts constitute nothing less than the |
| 186 | Josh 8,35 | 20/119(7x17) | 69 | | 3278/119 | P | founding of the nation Israel in Canaan. The |
| 35 vs | § 5 | 616 (56x11) | 2370 | 10x | 616 | | fact that the term כל-ישראל occurs 17x |
| 186 vs | Josh 1-8 | 3278 (298x11) | 12791 | | 3278 | | signifies this event as authorized by YHWH. |

Observation 5 22 of the 35 verses (63%) and 400 of the 616 words (65%) are governed by 17 and 26. The highlighting in Columns 3 and 8 is self-explanatory. For the term כל-ישראל, 'All Israel', see p. 2 above.

§5 (8,1-35) has altogether 616 words, which is a multiple of 11 (56x11). See Observation 4.

Joshua 1-8, which deals with the mobilization for the conquest and the capture of Jericho and Ai as the first military feat, has altogether 3278 words, which is a multiple of 11, the number of fulfilment (298x11), signifying the completion of the first part of the conquest. The second part, 9-12, is likewise made up of a number of words that is a multiple of 11, 1837 (167x11). See also Observation 6. For abundant evidence of the use of 11 in contexts dealing with fulfilment, see pp. 70-73 in my book [Numerical Secrets of the Bible](#).

§6 9-12 The Victory over Thirty-one Canaanite Kings

| Vss | Text | Words | Letts. | יְהוָה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-----|------------|-------------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|--|
| 187 | Josh 9,1 | 22+ | 95+ | | 3300 | | 9,1-2 Canaanite kings ready for battle |
| 188 | Josh 9,2 | 9=31 | 36/73 | | 3309/31 | P | For the number 31 see Observation 6 |
| 189 | Josh 9,3 | 9 | 37 | | 3318 | | 9,3-27 The Gibeonites act with cunning |
| 190 | Josh 9,4 | 15 | 75 | | 3333 | | |
| 191 | Josh 9,5 | 13 | 60 | | 3346 | | |
| 192 | Josh 9,6 | 11+7=18 | 73 | | 3364 | | Gibeonites: 11+7=18 |
| 193 | Josh 9,7 | 5+8=13 | 51 | | 3377 | | Israelites: 5+8=13 |
| 194 | Josh 9,8 | 3+2+6=12 | 51 | | 3389 | Jo 24 | Gibeonites: 3+2=5 Joshua: 3+4=7 |
| 195 | Josh 9,9 | 2+16+=18 | 70 | 85 | 3407 | | |
| 196 | Josh 9,10 | 18+ | 72 | | 3425 | | Gibeonites: 2+85=87 |
| 197 | Josh 9,11 | 21+ | 97 | | 3446 | | 9,9-13 The story they tell Joshua is |
| 198 | Josh 9,12 | 15+ | 62 | | 3461 | | especially highlighted by the fact that it is |
| 199 | Josh 9,13 | 15/85(5x17) | 68 | | 3476 | | made up of 85 (5x17) words. |
| 200 | Josh 9,14 | 8 | 31 | 86 | 3484 | | |
| 201 | Josh 9,15 | 12 | 52 | | 3496 | | |
| 202 | Josh 9,16 | 17 | 66 | | 3513 | | The Israelites hear that they have lied: 17 . |
| 203 | Josh 9,17 | 14 | 69 | | 3527 | | |
| 204 | Josh 9,18 | 17 | 68 | 87 | 3544 | | The Israelites do not kill them: 17 , |
| 205 | Josh 9,19 | 6+11=17 | 68 | 88 | 3561 | | for they are bound by their oath: 17 . |
| 206 | Josh 9,20 | 14 | 54 | | 3575 | | Elders: 6+25=31 |
| 207 | Josh 9,21 | 3+1+11=15 | 68 | | 3590 | | Elders: 3+1=4 |
| 208 | Josh 9,22 | 6+11=17 | 75 | | 3607 | Jo 25 | Joshua reproaches them: 17 . |
| 209 | Josh 9,23 | 13 | 51 | | 3620 | | Joshua: 6+24=30 |
| 210 | Josh 9,24 | 4+31=35 | 133 | 89 | 3655 | | |
| 211 | Josh 9,25 | 9 | 38 | | 3664 | | Gibeonites: 4+40=44 |
| 212 | Josh 9,26 | 10 | 36 | | 3674 | | |
| 213 | Josh 9,27 | 18 | 71 | 90 | 3692/383 | P | |
| 214 | Josh 10,1 | 28 | 114 | | 3720 | | 10,1-7 Five kings ready to attack Gibeon |
| 215 | Josh 10,2 | 17 | 66 | | 3737 | | King Adoni-zedek is in great fear: 17 . |
| 216 | Josh 10,3 | 22+ | 83 | | 3759 | | Adoni-zedek: 22+13=35 |
| 217 | Josh 10,4 | 13+ | 49 | | 3772 | | Being the king of Jerusalem, he asks four |
| 218 | Josh 10,5 | 23+ | 97 | | 3795 | | other kings to assist him to attack Gibeon. |
| 219 | Josh 10,6 | 9+18=27/85 | 112 | | 3822 | | Gibeonites: 9+18=27 Vs 3-6 85 (5x17). |
| 220 | Josh 10,7 | 12 | 45 | | 3834/142 | P | Gibeon and his men go to war. |
| 221 | Josh 10,8 | 4+11=15 | 53 | 91 | 3849 | DS 13 | 10,8-14 The miraculous victory at Gibeon |
| 222 | Josh 10,9 | 9 | 35 | | 3858 | 11 | Until this point YHWH has spoken 11x . |
| 223 | Josh 10,10 | 18 | 73 | 92 | 3876 | | The use of the number of fulfilment, 11 , |
| 224 | Josh 10,11 | 28 | 113 | 93 | 3904/70 | S | is obviously deliberate. |
| 225 | Josh 10,12 | 15+6=21 | 85 | 94-95 | 3925 | Jo 26 | Joshua: 15+6=21 NB, the 26th speech is |
| 226 | Josh 10,13 | 8+15=23 | 83 | | 3948 | | Joshua's command to the sun and moon! |
| 227 | Josh 10,14 | 14 | 56 | 96-97 | 3962/58 | P | 8,1-10,14 has 1300 words: 50x 26 ! |
| 228 | Josh 10,15 | 8 | 33 | | 3970 | | 10,15-27 The fate of the five kings |
| 229 | Josh 10,16 | 7 | 35 | | 3977 | | |
| 230 | Josh 10,17 | 9 | 45 | | 3986 | Jo 27 | Joshua: 11+28=39 |
| 231 | Josh 10,18 | 2+10=12 | 53 | | 3998 | | |
| 232 | Josh 10,19 | 18 | 74 | 98 | 4016 | | |
| 233 | Josh 10,20 | 18+ | 75 | | 4034 | | After the battle all Israelites return |
| 234 | Josh 10,21 | 16/34(2x17) | 57 | | 4050 | | to Joshua safely without a scratch: 34 . |

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|-----|------------|--------------|-----|---------|----------|-------|---|
| 235 | Josh 10,22 | 2+12=14 | 56 | | 4064 | Jo 28 | Joshua: 2+12=14 |
| 236 | Josh 10,23 | 25 | 90 | | 4089 | | |
| 237 | Josh 10,24 | 20+8+6=34+ | 145 | | 4123 | Jo 29 | Joshua: 20+8=28 Joshua orders his men |
| 238 | Josh 10,25 | 3+16=19+ | 76 | 99 | 4142 | Jo 30 | Joshua: 3+16=19 to humiliate the five |
| 239 | Josh 10,26 | 15/68(4x17) | 59 | | 4157 | | kings, then he kills them personally: 68. |
| 240 | Josh 10,27 | 25 | 96 | | 4182/220 | P | Until this point Joshua has spoken 26x. |
| 241 | Josh 10,28 | 28 | 101 | | 4210 | | 10,28-30 The city of Libnah captured |
| 242 | Josh 10,29 | 10 | 41 | | 4220 | | |
| 243 | Josh 10,30 | 26 | 91 | 100 | 4246/64 | S | YHWH delivers it to the Israelites: 26. |
| 244 | Josh 10,31 | 11 | 46 | | 4257 | | 10,31-32 Lachish captured |
| 245 | Josh 10,32 | 21 | 74 | 101 | 4278/32 | P | |
| 246 | Josh 10,33 | 17 | 57 | | 4295 | | 10,33-35 Gezer and Eglon captured: 17. |
| 247 | Josh 10,34 | 11 | 50 | | 4306 | | |
| 248 | Josh 10,35 | 18 | 67 | | 4324/46 | P | |
| 249 | Josh 10,36 | 9 | 43 | | 4333 | | 10,36-37 Hebron captured |
| 250 | Josh 10,37 | 28 | 97 | | 4361/37 | S | |
| 251 | Josh 10,38 | 8 | 33 | | 4369 | | 10,38-43 Debir captured to round it off |
| 252 | Josh 10,39 | 29 | 111 | | 4398 | | |
| 253 | Josh 10,40 | 24 | 95 | 102 | 4422 | | |
| 254 | Josh 10,41 | 12 | 42 | | 4434 | | |
| 255 | Josh 10,42 | 16 | 61 | 103 | 4450 | | |
| 256 | Josh 10,43 | 8 | 33 | | 4458/97 | P | |
| 257 | Josh 11,1 | 16 | 58 | | 4474 | | 11,1-13 More kings join forces at Merom |
| 258 | Josh 11,2 | 12 | 52 | | 4486 | | |
| 259 | Josh 11,3 | 13 | 64 | | 4499 | | |
| 260 | Josh 11,4 | 17 | 54 | | 4516 | | A very great number of troops: 17. |
| 261 | Josh 11,5 | 13 | 52 | | 4529/71 | P | |
| 262 | Josh 11,6 | 4+21=25 | 96 | 104 | 4554 | DS 14 | 11,6-9 Battle by the Waters of Merom |
| 263 | Josh 11,7 | 13 | 48 | | 4567 | 21 | |
| 264 | Josh 11,8 | 22 | 89 | 105 | 4589 | | |
| 265 | Josh 11,9 | 14 | 53 | 106 | 4603/74 | S | |
| 266 | Josh 11,10 | 19+ | 71 | | 4622 | | 11,10-20 Joshua continues his campaign |
| 267 | Josh 11,11 | 17+ | 52 | | 4639 | | |
| 268 | Josh 11,12 | 20+ | 73 | 107 | 4659 | | This impressive overview of all the land |
| 269 | Josh 11,13 | 15+ | 54 | | 4674 | | conquered by Joshua is highlighted by the |
| 270 | Josh 11,14 | 23+ | 80 | | 4697 | | fact that it consists of 208 (8x26) words. |
| 271 | Josh 11,15 | 23+ | 73 | 108-109 | 4720 | | |
| 272 | Josh 11,16 | 22+ | 77 | | 4742 | | |
| 273 | Josh 11,17 | 19+ | 71 | | 4761 | | |
| 274 | Josh 11,18 | 9+ | 35 | | 4770 | | |
| 275 | Josh 11,19 | 16+ | 60 | | 4786 | | |
| 276 | Josh 11,20 | 25/208(8x26) | 94 | 110-111 | 4811/208 | S | |
| 277 | Josh 11,21 | 25 | 91 | | 4836 | | 11,21-23 , The Anakim are wiped out |
| 278 | Josh 11,22 | 11 | 44 | | 4847 | | |
| 279 | Josh 11,23 | 20 | 85 | 112 | 4867/56 | P | |
| 280 | Josh 12,1 | 22 | 86 | | 4889 | | 12,1-6 The kings whom Joshua defeated |
| 281 | Josh 12,2 | 22 | 87 | | 4911 | | |
| 282 | Josh 12,3 | 18 | 72 | | 4929 | | |
| 283 | Josh 12,4 | 9 | 44 | | 4938 | | |
| 284 | Josh 12,5 | 16 | 71 | | 4954 | | |

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| 285 | Josh 12,6 | 16 | 67 | 113-114 | 4970 | S | |
| 286 | Josh 12,7 | 26 | 111 | | 4996 | | 12,7-24 31 Kings killed on the West Bank |
| 287 | Josh 12,8 | 12+ | 65 | | 5008 | | |
| 288 | Josh 12,9 | 10+ | 31 | | 5018 | | Special emphasis is laid on the conquest |
| 289 | Josh 12,10 | 6+ | 23 | | 5024 | | of the land of 31 kings west of the Jordan: |
| 290 | Josh 12,11 | 6+ | 21 | | 5030 | | 26 + 119 (7x17) words. |
| 291 | Josh 12,12 | 6+ | 20 | | 5036 | | Note that 119 is the product of 7, the |
| 292 | Josh 12,13 | 6+ | 18 | | 5042 | | number of fullness, and 17, the number |
| 293 | Josh 12,14 | 6+ | 19 | | 5048 | | representing the Name of YHWH. |
| 294 | Josh 12,15 | 6+ | 20 | | 5054 | | |
| 295 | Josh 12,16 | 7+ | 21 | | 5061 | | |
| 296 | Josh 12,17 | 6+ | 19 | | 5067 | | |
| 297 | Josh 12,18 | 6+ | 20 | | 5073 | | |
| 298 | Josh 12,19 | 6+ | 20 | | 5079 | | |
| 299 | Josh 12,20 | 7+ | 26 | | 5086 | | |
| 300 | Josh 12,21 | 6+ | 20 | | 5092 | | |
| 301 | Josh 12,22 | 7+ | 25 | | 5099 | | A small, significant detail: the last verse |
| 302 | Josh 12,23 | 9+ | 31 | | 5108 | | is made up of 7 words with 26 letters. |
| 303 | Josh 12,24 | 7/119(7x17) | 26 | | 5115/248 | P | 12,1-24 248 (8x31) words. |
| 117 | §6 9-12 | 1837(167x11) | 7216 | 30x | 1837 | | 1837(167x11) words; 7216(656x11) lett. |
| 303 | Part I-II | 5115(465x11) | 20007 | 114x | 5115 | | 14 DSS altogether 520 (20x26) words. |

Observation 6 51 of the 117 verses (44%) and 770 of the 1838 words (42%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**.

Until this point, the completion of the conquest, YHWH has spoken **14 (2x7)** times (including the two speeches by his Swordsman in 5,14-15) using **520 (20x26)** words. In this way, Part I-II (1,1-12,24), the first half of the book, is finalized and sealed by the number of fullness and the divine name number **26**.

The completion of the conquest, as the *fulfilment* of YHWH's promise of land for Israel, is numerically expressed by the use – no less than 3 times – of the number of *fulfilment*, **11**, which also refers numerically to the **11** tribes (excluding the Levites) to which land is apportioned:

§6 (9-12), is made up of **1837 (167x11)** words and **7216 (656x11)** letters;

Part I-II (1-12) is made up of altogether **5115 (465x11)** words.

See Observations 4 and 5 above for additional use of the number of fulfilment.

But there is more to note: three instances of the use of **31**, the number of Canaanite kings slain by Joshua as shown in the list in Joshua 12, and as explicitly stated in 12,24 *‘thirty-one kings in all, one of each town’*:

Joshua 1-11 have altogether **4867 (157x31)** words, by which **31** preludes on the **31** kings;

Joshua 9,1-2 (§1), which is significantly delimited by a **Petuchah**, has **31** words;

Joshua 12 is made up of **248 (8x31)** words, by which **31** refers to the list of **31** kings;

Joshua 1-12 have altogether **5115 (165x31)** words, by which **31** preludes on the **31** kings.

These numerical features are to be considered conclusive evidence that the text of 1-12, the first half of the book, has been finalized and sealed as a distinct literary entity, dealing with the conquest of the land.

Part III: 13-22 The Distribution of the Conquered Land

§7 (13-19) Land Apportioned to Eleven Tribes, Excluding the Levites

| Vss | Text | Words | Letts. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-----|------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|--|
| 304 | Josh 13,1 | 7+9=16 | 67 | 115 | 5131 | DS 15 | 13,1-14 YHWH orders the distribution |
| 305 | Josh 13,2 | 8 | 37 | | 5139 | 96 | |
| 306 | Josh 13,3 | 21 | 101 | | 5160 | | This is the only divine speech in Part VII. |
| 307 | Josh 13,4 | 12 | 48 | | 5172 | | The next DS is to be found in 20,1-6, |
| 308 | Josh 13,5 | 14 | 52 | | 5186 | | which stands out by the use of |
| 309 | Josh 13,6 | 21 | 84 | | 5207 | | <i>wayyedabber</i> instead of <i>wayy'omer</i> . |
| 310 | Josh 13,7 | 11 | 46 | | 5218 | | |
| 311 | Josh 13,8 | 18+ | 70 | 116 | 5236 | | Special emphasis is laid on the |
| 312 | Josh 13,9 | 15+ | 58 | | 5251 | | distribution of land by Moses among the |
| 313 | Josh 13,10 | 12+ | 44 | | 5263 | | three Transjordanian tribes: 102 (6x17). |
| 314 | Josh 13,11 | 11+ | 47 | | 5274 | | |
| 315 | Josh 13,12 | 15+ | 64 | | 5289 | | |
| 316 | Josh 13,13 | 16+ | 65 | | 5305 | | |
| 317 | Josh 13,14 | 15/102(6x17) | 52 | 117 | 5320/205 | S | |
| 318 | Josh 13,15 | 6 | 26 | | 5326 | | 13,15-23 Inheritance of the Reubenites |
| 319 | Josh 13,16 | 17 | 65 | | 5343 | | The land from Aroer to Madebah: 17 . |
| 320 | Josh 13,17 | 11 | 44 | | 5354 | | |
| 321 | Josh 13,18 | 3 | 15 | | 5357 | | |
| 322 | Josh 13,19 | 6 | 27 | | 5363 | | |
| 323 | Josh 13,20 | 6 | 29 | | 5369 | | |
| 324 | Josh 13,21 | 32 | 116 | | 5401 | | |
| 325 | Josh 13,22 | 11 | 42 | | 5412 | | |
| 326 | Josh 13,23 | 13 | 60 | | 5425/105 | P | |
| 327 | Josh 13,24 | 7 | 26 | | 5432 | | 13,24-32 Inheritance of the Gadites |
| 328 | Josh 13,25 | 17 | 59 | | 5449 | | Half the land of the Ammonites: 17 . |
| 329 | Josh 13,26 | 9 | 40 | | 5458 | | |
| 330 | Josh 13,27 | 21 | 84 | | 5479 | | |
| 331 | Josh 13,28 | 7 | 31 | | 5486 | | |
| 332 | Josh 13,29 | 11 | 44 | | 5497 | | |
| 333 | Josh 13,30 | 17 | 63 | | 5514 | | The land of king Og of Bashan: 17 . |
| 334 | Josh 13,31 | 16+ | 71 | | 5530 | | Also half Gilead: 26 . |
| 335 | Josh 13,32 | 10/26 | 41 | | 5540/115 | S | 60 Cities |
| 336 | Josh 13,33 | 14 | 52 | 118 | 5554 | | 13,33-14,5 The inheritances in Canaan |
| 337 | Josh 14,1 | 20 | 81 | | 5574 | | Special emphasis on the fact that Moses |
| 338 | Josh 14,2 | 11+ | 45 | 119 | 5585 | | has given land to the two and a half |
| 339 | Josh 14,3 | 15/26 | 57 | | 5600 | | tribes, but not to the tribe of Levi: 26 . |
| 340 | Josh 14,4 | 20 | 82 | | 5620 | | |
| 341 | Josh 14,5 | 12 | 41 | 120 | 5632/92 | P | |
| 342 | Josh 14,6 | 12+17=29+ | 109 | 121 | 5661 | | 14,6-15 Caleb's claim to Promised Land |
| 343 | Josh 14,7 | 20+ | 70 | 122 | 5681 | | Caleb: 12+148=160 |
| 344 | Josh 14,8 | 13+ | 47 | 123 | 5694 | | 14,6-9 the first part of Caleb's speech, |
| 345 | Josh 14,9 | 23/85(5x17) | 82 | 124 | 5717 | | is made up of 85 words, which precludes |
| 346 | Josh 14,10 | 31 | 111 | 125-126 | 5748 | | on the fact that he was 85 years (14,10). |
| 347 | Josh 14,11 | 15 | 60 | | 5763 | | What is specifically highlighted is that |
| 348 | Josh 14,12 | 29 | 107 | 127-129 | 5792 | | Caleb bases his claim Moses' promise. |
| 349 | Josh 14,13 | 9 | 38 | | 5801 | | Compare the 85 words in 15,13-18! |
| 350 | Josh 14,14 | 19 | 68 | 130 | 5820 | | |
| 351 | Josh 14,15 | 12 | 54 | | 5832/200 | P | |

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| 352 | Josh 15,1 | 14 | 56 | | 5846 | | 15,1-19 Towns for the tribe of Judah |
| 353 | Josh 15,2 | 11 | 38 | | 5857 | | |
| 354 | Josh 15,3 | 17 | 71 | | 5874 | | |
| 355 | Josh 15,4 | 14 | 55 | | 5888 | | |
| 356 | Josh 15,5 | 14 | 56 | | 5902 | | |
| 357 | Josh 15,6 | 14 | 56 | | 5916 | | |
| 358 | Josh 15,7 | 27 | 101 | | 5943 | | |
| 359 | Josh 15,8 | 27 | 92 | | 5970 | | |
| 360 | Josh 15,9 | 19+ | 70 | | 5989 | | Vs. 9-12 The description of these |
| 361 | Josh 15,10 | 20+ | 73 | | 6009 | | boundaries is highlighted by 68 words. |
| 362 | Josh 15,11 | 18+ | 76 | | 6027 | | |
| 363 | Josh 15,12 | 11/68(4x17) | 46 | | 6038 | | |
| 364 | Josh 15,13 | 19+ 19+ | 68 | 131 | 6057 | | Vs. 13-18 Special emphasis on Caleb's |
| 365 | Josh 15,14 | 15+ 15/34 | 53 | | 6072 | | reaction to his daughter's wish: 85 . |
| 366 | Josh 15,15 | 10+ | 34 | | 6082 | | |
| 367 | Josh 15,16 | 2+12=14+ | 48 | | 6096 | | Caleb: 2+12=14 |
| 368 | Josh 15,17 | 12+ (=26) | 42 | | 6108 | | |
| 369 | Josh 15,18 | 15/85 | 58 | | 6123 | | Caleb: 3+2=5 |
| 370 | Josh 15,19 | 1+11+8=20 | 69 | | 6143/311 | P | Daughter: 1+11+8=20 |
| 371 | Josh 15,20 | 6 | 25 | | 6149 | | 15,20-32 Judah's lot in the South |
| 372 | Josh 15,21 | 13 | 55 | | 6162 | | 29 Cities |
| 373 | Josh 15,22 | 3 | 18 | | 6165 | | |
| 374 | Josh 15,23 | 3 | 14 | | 6168 | | |
| 375 | Josh 15,24 | 3 | 13 | | 6171 | | |
| 376 | Josh 15,25 | 6 | 27 | | 6177 | | |
| 377 | Josh 15,26 | 3 | 13 | | 6180 | | |
| 378 | Josh 15,27 | 5 | 20 | | 6185 | | |
| 379 | Josh 15,28 | 5 | 23 | | 6190 | | |
| 380 | Josh 15,29 | 3 | 13 | | 6193 | | |
| 381 | Josh 15,30 | 3 | 17 | | 6196 | | |
| 382 | Josh 15,31 | 3 | 17 | | 6199 | | |
| 383 | Josh 15,32 | 9 | 43 | | 6208/65 | S | |
| 384 | Josh 15,33 | 4 | 21 | | 6212 | | 15,33-41 Judah's lot in the Lowland |
| 385 | Josh 15,34 | 5 | 23 | | 6217 | | 30 Cities (14 and 16) |
| 386 | Josh 15,35 | 4 | 19 | | 6221 | | |
| 387 | Josh 15,36 | 8 | 45 | | 6229 | | |
| 388 | Josh 15,37 | 4 | 15 | | 6233 | | |
| 389 | Josh 15,38 | 3 | 17 | | 6236 | | |
| 390 | Josh 15,39 | 3 | 15 | | 6239 | | |
| 391 | Josh 15,40 | 3 | 16 | | 6242 | | |
| 392 | Josh 15,41 | 9 | 40 | | 6251/43 | S | |
| 393 | Josh 15,42 | 3 | 12 | | 6254 | | 15,42-47 Judah's lot by Ashdod |
| 394 | Josh 15,43 | 3 | 15 | | 6257 | | 11 Cities (9 + Ekron and Ashdod) |
| 395 | Josh 15,44 | 6 | 32 | | 6263 | | |
| 396 | Josh 15,45 | 3 | 17 | | 6266 | | |
| 397 | Josh 15,46 | 8 | 31 | | 6274 | | |
| 398 | Josh 15,47 | 12 | 56 | | 6286/35 | S | |
| 399 | Josh 15,48 | 4 | 18 | | 6290 | | 15,48-54 Judah's lot in the Hill Country |
| 400 | Josh 15,49 | 5 | 18 | | 6295 | | 20 Cities |
| 401 | Josh 15,50 | 3 | 15 | | 6298 | | |
| 402 | Josh 15,51 | 7 | 30 | | 6305 | | |
| 403 | Josh 15,52 | 3 | 13 | | 6308 | | |

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| 404 | Josh 15,53 | 4 | 18 | | 6312 | | |
| 405 | Josh 15,54 | 9 | 41 | | 6321/35 | S | |
| 406 | Josh 15,55 | 4+ | 17 | | 6325 | | 15,55-60 More cities for Judah 18 Cities |
| 407 | Josh 15,56 | 3+ | 18 | | 6328 | | |
| 408 | Josh 15,57 | 6+ | 27 | | 6334 | | |
| 409 | Josh 15,58 | 4+ | 16 | | 6338 | | |
| 410 | Josh 15,59 | 7+ | 32 | | 6345 | | |
| 411 | Josh 15,60 | 9+ | 39 | | 6354/33 | S | |
| 412 | Josh 15,61 | 5+ | 22 | | 6359 | | 15,61-63 Still more cities for Judah: 6 Cities |
| 413 | Josh 15,62 | 8+ | 34 | | 6367 | | |
| 414 | Josh 15,63 | 18+ | 78 | | 6385/31 | P | <i>The Jebusites were not driven out!</i> 18 |
| 415 | Josh 16,1 | 15+ | 62 | | 6400 | | 16,1-10 The lot of the Ephraimites 34 The lots of Judah and Ephraim in <u>15,1-16,10</u> 676 (26x26) words. <u>15,55-16,10</u> 187 (11x17) words. |
| 416 | Josh 16,2 | 9+ | 34 | | 6409 | | |
| 417 | Josh 16,3 | 15+ | 55 | | 6424 | | |
| 418 | Josh 16,4 | 5+ | 23 | | 6429 | | |
| 419 | Josh 16,5 | 15+ | 63 | | 6444 | | |
| 420 | Josh 16,6 | 14+ | 63 | | 6458 | | |
| 421 | Josh 16,7 | 8+ | 40 | | 6466 | | |
| 422 | Josh 16,8 | 15+ | 61 | | 6481 | | |
| 423 | Josh 16,9 | 11+ | 51 | | 6492 | | |
| 424 | Josh 16,10 | 16/187(11x17) | 64 | | 6508/123 | P | |
| 425 | Josh 17,1 | 22 | 83 | | 6530 | | 17,1-13 The lot of the Manassites |
| 426 | Josh 17,2 | 24 | 110 | | 6554 | | |
| 427 | Josh 17,3 | 24 | 83 | | 6578 | | |
| 428 | Josh 17,4 | 11+9+9=29 | 113 | 132-133 | 6607 | | Daughters of Zelophehad: 11+9=20 |
| 429 | Josh 17,5 | 11 | 46 | | 6618 | | |
| 430 | Josh 17,6 | 13 | 54 | | 6631 | | |
| 431 | Josh 17,7 | 17 | 62 | | 6648 | | |
| 432 | Josh 17,8 | 10 | 40 | | 6658 | | |
| 433 | Josh 17,9 | 19 | 80 | | 6677 | | |
| 434 | Josh 17,10 | 12 | 61 | | 6689 | | |
| 435 | Josh 17,11 | 25 | 118 | | 6714 | | |
| 436 | Josh 17,12 | 13 | 54 | | 6727 | | |
| 437 | Josh 17,13 | 12 | 47 | | 6739/231 | S | Total number of cities for 5 tribes: 168 . |
| 438 | Josh 17,14 | 6+17=23 17 | 78 | 134 | 6762 | | 17,14-18 More land for Joseph |
| 439 | Josh 17,15 | 3+18=21 | 72 | | 6783 | Jo 31 | Josephites: 6+ 17=23 Joshua: 3+18=21 |
| 440 | Josh 17,16 | 3+18=21 | 87 | | 6804 | | Josephites: 3+18=21 |
| 441 | Josh 17,17 | 8+11=19 | 66 | | 6823 | Jo32 | Joshua: 8+33=19 |
| 442 | Josh 17,18 | 22 | 70 | | 6845/106 | P | Joshua speaks 18+33= 51(3x17) words. |
| 443 | Josh 18,1 | 14+ | 56 | | 6859 | | 18,1-10 Land for 7 tribes |
| 444 | Josh 18,2 | 10+ | 40 | | 6869 | | |
| 445 | Josh 18,3 | 5+14=19+ | 72 | 135 | 6888 | Jo 33 | Joshua speaks 85 (5x17) words. |
| 446 | Josh 18,4 | 15+ | 67 | | 6903 | | Joshua: 5+85=90 |
| 447 | Josh 18,5 | 15+ | 65 | | 6918 | | |
| 448 | Josh 18,6 | 16+ | 65 | 136 | 6934 | | The whole paragraph has 170 words. |
| 449 | Josh 18,7 | 25/85+ | 97 | 137-138 | 6959 | | |
| 450 | Josh 18,8 | 11+14=25+ | 105 | 139 | 6984 | Jo 34 | Joshua: 11+14=25 |
| 451 | Josh 18,9 | 16+ | 70 | | 7000 | | |
| 452 | Josh 18,10 | 15=170(10x17) | 63 | 140 | 7015/170 | P | |

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| 453 | Josh 18,11 | 15 | 61 | | 7030 | | 18,11-28 The lot of Benjamin |
| 454 | Josh 18,12 | 21 | 83 | | 7051 | | 14 Cities |
| 455 | Josh 18,13 | 22 | 79 | | 7073 | | |
| 456 | Josh 18,14 | 28 | 97 | | 7101 | | |
| 457 | Josh 18,15 | 13 | 50 | | 7114 | | |
| 458 | Josh 18,16 | 25 | 83 | | 7139 | | |
| 459 | Josh 18,17 | 17 | 63 | | 7156 | | |
| 460 | Josh 18,18 | 8 | 32 | | 7164 | | |
| 461 | Josh 18,19 | 22 | 82 | | 7186 | | |
| 462 | Josh 18,20 | 12 | 55 | | 7198 | | |
| 463 | Josh 18,21 | 11+ | 52 | | 7209 | | Vs. 21-28 The list of the 14 Benjaminite cities is made up of 52 (2x26) words. |
| 464 | Josh 18,22 | 5+ | 21 | | 7214 | | |
| 465 | Josh 18,23 | 3+ | 16 | | 7217 | | |
| 466 | Josh 18,24 | 8+ | 38 | | 7225 | | |
| 467 | Josh 18,25 | 3+ | 16 | | 7228 | | |
| 468 | Josh 18,26 | 3+ | 18 | | 7231 | | |
| 469 | Josh 18,27 | 3+ | 16 | | 7234 | | |
| 470 | Josh 18,28 | 16/52(2x26) | 73 | | 7250/235 | P | 13,1-18,28 the name YHWH occurs 26x |
| 471 | Josh 19,1 | 14 | 64 | | 7264 | | 19,1-9 The lot of Simeon |
| 472 | Josh 19,2 | 7 | 29 | | 7271 | | 13 Cities |
| 473 | Josh 19,3 | 4 | 16 | | 7275 | | |
| 474 | Josh 19,4 | 3 | 17 | | 7278 | | |
| 475 | Josh 19,5 | 5 | 24 | | 7283 | | |
| 476 | Josh 19,6 | 7 | 33 | | 7290 | | |
| 477 | Josh 19,7 | 7 | 30 | | 7297 | | |
| 478 | Josh 19,8 | 17 | 68 | | 7314 | | |
| 479 | Josh 19,9 | 18 | 68 | | 7332/82 | P | |
| 480 | Josh 19,10 | 11+ | 50 | | 7343 | | 19,10-16 The lot of Zebulun |
| 481 | Josh 19,11 | 13+ | 51 | | 7356 | | 12 Cities |
| 482 | Josh 19,12 | 14+ | 52 | | 7370 | | The entire paragraph is highlighted by 78 (3x26) words. |
| 483 | Josh 19,13 | 12+ | 46 | | 7382 | | |
| 484 | Josh 19,14 | 10+ | 39 | | 7392 | | |
| 485 | Josh 19,15 | 10+ | 47 | | 7402 | | |
| 486 | Josh 19,16 | 8/78(2x26) | 39 | | 7410/78 | P | |
| 487 | Josh 19,17 | 7 | 37 | | 7417 | | 19,17-23 The lot of Issachar |
| 488 | Josh 19,18 | 5 | 28 | | 7422 | | 16 Cities |
| 489 | Josh 19,19 | 3 | 17 | | 7425 | | |
| 490 | Josh 19,20 | 3 | 16 | | 7428 | | |
| 491 | Josh 19,21 | 7 | 26 | | 7435 | | |
| 492 | Josh 19,22 | 14 | 64 | | 7449 | | |
| 493 | Josh 19,23 | 8 | 37 | | 7457/47 | P | 18,11-19,23 442(17x26) words. |
| 494 | Josh 19,24 | 7 | 33 | | 7464 | | 19,24-31 The lot of Asher |
| 495 | Josh 19,25 | 6 | 26 | | 7470 | | 22 Cities |
| 496 | Josh 19,26 | 8 | 40 | | 7478 | | |
| 497 | Josh 19,27 | 18 | 70 | | 7496 | | |
| 498 | Josh 19,28 | 7 | 28 | | 7503 | | |
| 499 | Josh 19,29 | 15 | 60 | | 7518 | | |
| 500 | Josh 19,30 | 7 | 33 | | 7525 | | |
| 501 | Josh 19,31 | 9 | 39 | | 7534/77 | P | |

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| 502 | Josh 19,32 | 8 | 37 | | 7542 | | 19,32-39 The lot of Naphtali |
| 503 | Josh 19,33 | 13 | 61 | | 7555 | | 19 Cities |
| 504 | Josh 19,34 | 18 | 77 | | 7573 | | |
| 505 | Josh 19,35 | 7+ | 27 | | 7580 | | The list of 19 fortified cities of Naphtali |
| 506 | Josh 19,36 | 3+ | 15 | | 7583 | | is highlighted by 34 (2x17) words. |
| 507 | Josh 19,37 | 4+ | 18 | | 7587 | | |
| 508 | Josh 19,38 | 12+ | 48 | | 7599 | | |
| 509 | Josh 19,39 | 8/34(2x17) | 37 | | 7607/73 | P | |
| 510 | Josh 19,40 | 7 | 30 | | 7614 | | 19,40-51 The lot of Dan |
| 511 | Josh 19,41 | 7 | 31 | | 7621 | | Number of cities is not mentioned [18] |
| 512 | Josh 19,42 | 3 | 18 | | 7624 | | |
| 513 | Josh 19,43 | 3 | 18 | | 7627 | | |
| 514 | Josh 19,44 | 3 | 17 | | 7630 | | |
| 515 | Josh 19,45 | 5 | 18 | | 7635 | | |
| 516 | Josh 19,46 | 7 | 28 | | 7642 | | |
| 517 | Josh 19,47 | 27 | 99 | | 7669 | | 19,24-48 221 (13x17) words. |
| 518 | Josh 19,48 | 9 | 38 | | 7678 | | 18,11-19,48 663(39x17) words. |
| 519 | Josh 19,49 | 13 | 56 | | 7691 | | The Israelites have finished allocating |
| 520 | Josh 19,50 | 19 | 60 | 141 | 7710 | | land and they give Joshua a holding. |
| 521 | Josh 19,51 | 25 | 100 | 142 | 7735/128 | P | The completion of the apportioning |
| 218 vs | §7 13-19 | 2620 | 10627 | 28x | 2620 | | of land to the eleven tribes! |

Observation 7 In §7 79 of the 218 verses (36%) and 802 of the 2620 words (38%) are highlighted by the divine name numbers **17** and **26**.

§8 20-21 The Cities of Refuge and the Allocation of Cities for the Levites

| Vss | Text | Words | Let. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|------|------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| 522 | Josh 20,1 | 5 | 20 | 143 | 7740 | DS 16 | 20,1-9 YHWH's cities of refuge |
| 523 | Josh 20,2 | 15+ | 52 | | 7755 | 104 | |
| 524 | Josh 20,3 | 13+ | 48 | | 7768 | (4x26) | |
| 525 | Josh 20,4 | 25+ | 96 | | 7793 | | YHWH's last speech in the book |
| 526 | Josh 20,5 | 22+ | 75 | | 7815 | | is made up of 104 (4x26) words. |
| 527 | Josh 20,6 | 29/104(4x26) | 101 | | 7844 | | |
| 528 | Josh 20,7 | 17 | 65 | | 7861 | | Three cities are focused on: 17 . |
| 529 | Josh 20,8 | 21 | 85 | | 7882 | | |
| 530 | Josh 20,9 | 25 | 88 | | 7907/172 | P | |
| 531 | Josh 21,1 | 17 | 67 | | 7924 | | 21,1-41 Levites claim their cities |
| 532 | Josh 21,2 | 6+10=16 | 69 | 144 | 7940 | Levi: | The Levite family heads remind |
| 533 | Josh 21,3 | 13 | 53 | 145 | 7953 | 6+10 | Joshua of YHWH's command: 17 . |
| 534 | Josh 21,4 | 20+ | 89 | | 7973 | | The lot of the Korahites from Judah |
| 535 | Josh 21,5 | 14/34(2x17) | 60 | | 7987 | S | and Joseph emphasized: 34 . |
| 536 | Josh 21,6 | 17 | 75 | | 8004 | S | Towns of the Gershonites: 17 |
| 537 | Josh 21,7 | 12 | 53 | | 8016 | | Towns of the Merarites |
| 538 | Josh 21,8 | 15 | 61 | 146 | 8031/124 | P | |
| 539 | Josh 21,9 | 14+ | 55 | | 8045 | | Towns from Judah & Simeon |
| 540 | Josh 21,10 | 12/26 | 50 | | 8057 | | Special emphasis: 26 . |
| 541 | Josh 21,11 | 14 | 57 | | 8071 | | |
| 542 | Josh 21,12 | 10 | 38 | | 8081/50 | S | |
| 543 | Josh 21,13 | 16+ | 60 | | 8097 | | Cities from the two tribes |
| 544 | Josh 21,14 | 8+ | 30 | | 8105 | | |
| 545 | Josh 21,15 | 8+ | 28 | | 8113 | | |
| 546 | Josh 21,16 | 19/51(3x17) | 67 | | 8132/51 | P | Special emphasis: 51 (3x17) . |

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|--------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|---|--|
| 547 | Josh 21,17 | 10+ | 38 | | 8142 | | The towns from Benjamin |
| 548 | Josh 21,18 | 10+ | 39 | | 8152 | | |
| 549 | Josh 21,19 | 9+ | 37 | | 8161/29 | S | |
| 550 | Josh 21,20 | 12+ | 54 | | 8173 | | The towns from Ephraim Special emphasis is laid on towns from these tribes: 68 (4x17). |
| 551 | Josh 21,21 | 16+ | 56 | | 8189 | | |
| 552 | Josh 21,22 | 11/68(4x17) | 42 | | 8200/39 | S | |
| 553 | Josh 21,23 | 10+ | 37 | | 8210 | | The towns from Dan |
| 554 | Josh 21,24 | 11+ | 39 | | 8221/21 | S | |
| 555 | Josh 21,25 | 14+ | 53 | | 8235 | | The towns from half Manasseh |
| 556 | Josh 21,26 | 8+ | 37 | | 8243/22 | S | |
| 557 | Josh 21,27 | 22+ | 88 | | 8265/22 | S | The towns from half Manasseh |
| 558 | Josh 21,28 | 10+ | 39 | | 8275 | | The towns from Issachar |
| 559 | Josh 21,29 | 11+ | 40 | | 8286/21 | S | |
| 560 | Josh 21,30 | 10+ | 37 | | 8296 | | The towns from Asher |
| 561 | Josh 21,31 | 10+ | 36 | | 8306/20 | S | |
| 562 | Josh 21,32 | 22+ | 80 | | 8328 | | The towns from Naphtali 21,23-33 highlighted: 136 . |
| 563 | Josh 21,33 | 8/136(8x17) | 36 | | 8336/30 | S | |
| 564 | Josh 21,34 | 16+ | 67 | | 8352 | | The towns from Zebulun Special emphasis on Zebulun: 26 . |
| 565 | Josh 21,35 | 10/26 | 36 | | 8362 | | |
| 566 | Josh 21,36 | 10 | 38 | | 8372 | | |
| 567 | Josh 21,37 | 10 | 39 | | 8382/46 | S | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 568 | Josh 21,38 | 15+ | 54 | | 8397 | | The towns from Gad Special emphasis on Gad: 26 . |
| 569 | Josh 21,39 | 11/26 | 39 | | 8408 | | |
| 570 | Josh 21,40 | 13 | 62 | | 8421 | | |
| 571 | Josh 21,41 | 11 | 49 | | 8432 | | |
| 572 | Josh 21,42 | 11 | 49 | | 8443/61 | S | |
| 573 | Josh 21,43 | 13 | 51 | 147 | 8456 | | God has fulfilled his promises No promise has failed; all of them came to pass: 34 ! |
| 574 | Josh 21,44 | 20+ | 77 | 148-149 | 8476 | | |
| 575 | Josh 21,45 | 14/34(2x17) | 44 | 150 | 8490/47 | P | |
| 55 vss | §8 20-21 | 755 | 2935 | 8x | 755 | | |

Observation 8 In §8 39 of the 55 verses (71%) and 556 of the 755 words (74%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighting in Column 8 is self-explanatory.

The three last verses (21,43-45) clearly show that §8 is a close-knit literary unit, because it is rounded off by an unmistakable concluding statement:

*“YHWH has given Israel all the land he had sworn to give to their forefathers...
not a word of his promises to the house of Israel went unfulfilled; they all came true.”*

This is additional evidence proving that Chapters 20-21 are inextricably linked to the passage dealing with the distribution of land to the **11** tribes (13-19). The allocation of land to the **12** tribes can only be regarded as accomplished when the Levites are in possession of their cities and the Transjordanian tribes are settled in the lots allocated to them by Moses. See page 5 of the introduction above.

§9 22,1-34 The Return of the Transjordanian Tribes and the Threat of Civil War

| Vss | Text | Words | Letts. | יהוה | Sum words | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|--------|-------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 576 | Josh 22,1 | 8+ | 35 | | 8498 | Jo 35 | 1-6 The Transjordanian Tribes |
| 577 | Josh 22,2 | 2+16=18/26+ | 68 | 151 | 8516 | | Joshua dispatches them and gives |
| 578 | Josh 22,3 | 16+ | 60 | 152 | 8532 | | them his blessing. |
| 579 | Josh 22,4 | 24+ | 94 | 153-154 | 8556 | | Joshua: 10+ 86=96 |
| 580 | Josh 22,5 | 30+ | 121 | 155-156 | 8586 | | The entire paragraph is highlighted |
| 581 | Josh 22,6 | 6/102(6x17) | 30 | | 8592/102 | S | by its 102 words. |
| 582 | Josh 22,7 | 21 | 84 | | 8613 | | 7-12 The return of these tribes |
| 583 | Josh 22,8 | 3+20=23 | 102 | | 8636 | Jo 36 | Joshua: 3+ 20=23 |
| 584 | Josh 22,9 | 31 | 110 | 157 | 8667 | | |
| 585 | Josh 22,10 | 22 | 86 | | 8689 | | |
| 586 | Josh 22,11 | 4+22=26 | 95 | | 8715 | | Rapport: 4+22=26 They have built |
| 587 | Josh 22,12 | 12 | 50 | | 8727/135 | P | an illegal altar: 26! |
| 588 | Josh 22,13 | 21 | 73 | | 8748 | | 13-20 Accused of rebellion |
| 589 | Josh 22,14 | 19 | 73 | | 8767 | | |
| 590 | Josh 22,15 | 17 | 59 | | 8784 | | Israelites: 17+104=121 They go to |
| 591 | Josh 22,16 | 22+ | 88 | 158-160 | 8806 | | the Transjordanian tribes: 17. |
| 592 | Josh 22,17 | 16+ | 56 | 161 | 8822 | | The words spoken by the Israelites |
| 593 | Josh 22,18 | 16+ | 62 | 162-163 | 8838 | | are specifically highlighted: 104. |
| 594 | Josh 22,19 | 31+ | 124 | 164-167 | 8869 | | |
| 595 | Josh 22,20 | 19/104(4x26) | 61 | | 8888/161 | P | |
| 596 | Josh 22,21 | 13+ | 52 | | 8901 | | 21-29 Their response in defence |
| 597 | Josh 22,22 | 20+ | 74 | 168-170 | 8921 | | The Eastern tribes: 13+163=176 |
| 598 | Josh 22,23 | 19/52(2x26) | 79 | 171-172 | 8940 | | We swear we are innocent: 52! |
| 599 | Josh 22,24 | 18+ | 71 | 173 | 8958 | | |
| 600 | Josh 22,25 | 23+ | 92 | 174-176 | 8981 | | The altar was not meant for any |
| 601 | Josh 22,26 | 11/52(2x26) | 40 | | 8992 | | offerings; only to be a witness: 52! |
| 602 | Josh 22,27 | 25+ | 116 | 177-178 | 9017 | | Future generations will realize that |
| 603 | Josh 22,28 | 26/51(3x17) | 104 | 179 | 9043 | | the altar is only a witness: 51! |
| 604 | Josh 22,29 | 21 | 92 | 180-182 | 9064/176 | P | |
| 605 | Josh 22,30 | 22 | 93 | | 9086 | | 30-34 The dispute is settled |
| 606 | Josh 22,31 | 14+18=32 | 116 | 183-185 | 9118 | | Phinehas: 14+18=32 |
| 607 | Josh 22,32 | 23 | 88 | | 9141 | | |
| 608 | Josh 22,33 | 24 | 96 | | 9165 | | |
| 609 | Josh 22,34 | 6+7=13 | 51 | 186 | 9178/60 | P | Reuben & Gad: 6+7=13 |
| 34 vss | § 9 22,1-34 | 688 | 2695 | 36x | 688 | | 13-22 has 4063 (239x17) words. |

Observation 9 In §9 (22,1-34) 22 of the 34 verses (65%) and 421 of the 688 words (61%) are highlighted by 17 and 26. The highlighting in Column 8 is self-explanatory.

Part III: §§ 7-9 (13-22), deals with the distribution of the land and the settlement, which is only accomplished and fulfilled when the Transjordanian tribes have returned to the lots allocated to them by Moses. Therefore, Chapter 22 strictly belongs to Part III.

The unity of Part III is numerically underpinned by the fact that it is made up of altogether 4063 words (2620+755+688=4063), which is a multiple of the divine name number 17 (239x17). The use of a multiple of 17 is to stress numerically that the conquest of the land *as well as the settlement of all 12 tribes* are authorized by YHWH. This is additional evidence that Joshua 22 belongs to Part III.

Part IV: 23-24 Joshua's Farewell Address, the Shechem Covenant and his Death

§10 23,1-16 Joshua's Farewell Address

| Vss | Texts | Words | Let. | יהוה | Sum wads. | P/S | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------|---|
| 610 | Josh 23,1 | 15+ | 64 | 187 | 9193 | Jo 37 | Joshua: 25+274=299 |
| 611 | Josh 23,2 | 10+4=14+ | 71 | | 9207 | | |
| 612 | Josh 23,3 | 18+ | 70 | 188-189 | 9225 | | Vs. 1-13 The introduction and the first |
| 613 | Josh 23,4 | 19+ | 81 | | 9244 | | part of Joshua's speech, in which he |
| 614 | Josh 23,5 | 16+ | 73 | 190-191 | 9260 | | reminds the Israelites of all YHWH has |
| 615 | Josh 23,6 | 15+ | 61 | | 9275 | | done for them, and admonishes them to |
| 616 | Josh 23,7 | 18+ | 80 | | 9293 | | remain faithful to their God by keeping |
| 617 | Josh 23,8 | 10+ | 38 | 192 | 9303 | | the law of Moses and refraining from |
| 618 | Josh 23,9 | 14+ | 58 | 193 | 9317 | | committing idolatry, are made up of |
| 619 | Josh 23,10 | 14+ | 49 | 194 | 9331 | | 208 (8x26) words. |
| 620 | Josh 23,11 | 7+ | 35 | 195 | 9338 | | |
| 621 | Josh 23,12 | 17+ | 71 | | 9355 | | |
| 622 | Josh 23,13 | 31/208(8x26) | 135 | 196-197 | 9386 | | |
| 623 | Josh 23,14 | 33 | 122 | 198 | 9419 | | |
| 624 | Josh 23,15 | 32+ | 121 | 199-201 | 9451 | | V. 16 Joshua's stern warning against |
| 625 | Josh 23,16 | 26/58=יהושע | 110 | 202-203 | 9477/299 | P | idolatry is specifically highlighted: 26 . |
| 16 vss | §10 23,1-16 | 299 | 1239 | 17x | 299 | | יהושע = 10+5+6+21+16= 58 |

Observation 10 In §10 (23,1-16) 14 of the 16 verses (88%) and 241 of the 299 words (81%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. However, the highlighting of the specific passages is particularly significant as can be seen in Column 8, where the twelve instances are self-explanatory.

Joshua's impressive admonitory address to all Israel (23,1-16) is concluded by **58** words containing a stern warning against idolatry. The number **58** can be explained as Joshua's 'signature' represented by the numerical value of his name: יהושע=10+5+6+21+16=**58**.

For more examples of this interesting device, see my analysis of Genesis, [Part IV](#) page 3 ([Abram](#)) and page 15 ([Rebecca](#)), and in [Part V](#) pages 18-19 ([Jacob](#)), as well as Observation 1 in [Deuteronomy Part I](#) ([Moses](#)) and Observation 2 in my analysis of [1Samuel](#) ([Samuel](#)).

In the book as a whole Joshua speaks 42x and altogether 1556 words.

§10 Joshua's Making of the Shechem Covenant, his Death and Burial

| Vss | Texts | Words | Let. | יהוה | Sum wads. | P/S | Compositional Structure |
|-----|--------------|---------------|------|------|-----------|-------|--|
| 626 | Josh 24,1 | 16 | 80 | | 9493 | | 1-15 Joshua's confronting speech |
| 627 | Josh 24,2 | 5+5+"13"=23 | 94 | 204 | 9516 | Jo 38 | Joshua: 21+256=277 |
| 628 | Josh 24,3 A | "19 | 67 | | 9535 | DS 17 | YHWH's message quoted: "197" words. |
| 629 | Josh 24,4 | "17 | 64 | | 9552 | "197" | V. 4 deals with the birth of Jacob and |
| 630 | Josh 24,5 | "14+ | 56 | | 9566 | | Esau, the donation of Seir to Esau, and |
| 631 | Josh 24,6 B | "14+ | 68 | | 9580 | | how Jacob and his descendants came to |
| 632 | Josh 24,7 | "23/51(3x17) | 102 | 205 | 9603 | | sojourn in Egypt: 17 . |
| 633 | Josh 24,8 | "18 | 81 | | 9621 | | Vs. 5-7 deal with their stay in Egypt and |
| 634 | Josh 24,9 C | "15 | 60 | | 9636 | | in the Wilderness: 51 . |
| 635 | Josh 24,10 | "10/43(17+26) | 42 | | 9646 | | Vs. 8-10 deal with their stay in the land |
| 636 | Josh 24,11 | "20+ | 97 | | 9666 | | of the Amorites: 43 . |
| 637 | Josh 24,12 D | "14/34(2x17) | 60 | | 9680 | | Vs. 11-12 deal with their arrival on the |
| 638 | Josh 24,13 | "20/ "197" | 73 | | 9700/223 | | west bank of the Jordan (Jericho!): 34 . |

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|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---|
| 639 | Josh 24,14 | 20 | 85 | 206-207 | 9720 | | |
| 640 | Josh 24,15 | 34(2x17) | 127 | 208-209 | 9754/54 | P | Joshua: the decisive choice: 34. |
| 641 | Josh 24,16 | 3+8=11 | 44 | 210 | 9765 | | 16-28 The response of the people |
| 642 | Josh 24,17 | 30 | 129 | 211 | 9795 | | |
| 643 | Josh 24,18 | 18 | 67 | 212-213 | 9813/59 | S | The people: 3+56=59 |
| 644 | Josh 24,19 | 4+16=20 | 77 | 214 | 9833 | | § 3 Joshua's last words 68 (4x17) |
| 645 | Josh 24,20 | 16 | 59 | 215 | 9849 | Jo 39 | Joshua: 4+32=36 |
| 646 | Josh 24,21 | 4+5=9 | 29 | 216 | 9858 | | The people: 4+5=9 |
| 647 | Josh 24,22 | 4+11+1+1=17 | 62 | 217 | 9875 | Jo 40 | Joshua: 4+11=15 The people: 1+1=2 |
| 648 | Josh 24,23 | 14 | 54 | 218 | 9889 | Jo 41 | Joshua: 14 |
| 649 | Josh 24,24 | 4+6=10 | 42 | 219 | 9899 | | The people: 4+6=10 The people speak |
| 650 | Josh 24,25 | 11 | 42 | | 9910 | | altogether: 56+5+1+6=68 (4x17). |
| 651 | Josh 24,26 | 18 | 74 | 220 | 9928/115 | S | This S directs attention to the very last |
| 652 | Josh 24,27 | 5+22=27 | 97 | 221 | 9955 | Jo 42 | Joshua: 5+22=27 words of Joshua. |
| 653 | Josh 24,28 | 6 | 24 | | 9961/148 | P | |
| 654 | Josh 24,29 | 14+ | 52 | 222 | 9975 | | 29-31 Joshua's death and burial: 26. |
| 655 | Josh 24,30 | 12/26 | 49 | | 9987 | | |
| 656 | Josh 24,31 | 24 | 92 | 223-224 | 10011/50 | | 24,31 Cliffhanger! |
| 31 vs | §11 24,1-31 | 534 | 2149 | 21x | 534 | | 24,31 Original end of the book. |
| 47 vs | §§10-11 23-24,31 | 833 (49x17) | 3388 | 38x | 833 | | |
| 353 v | 13,1-24,31 | 4896 (288x17) | 19645 | 110x | 4896 | | |

Observation 11 In §11 (24,1-31) 10 of the 31 verses (32%) and 145 of the 534 words (27%) are *additionally* highlighted by 17 and 26. §§10-11 (23,1-24,31) are governed and highlighted in their entirety by their 833 words which are a multiple of 17 (49x17).

Observation 12 That the book originally ended at 24,31 is conclusively proved by the fact that the second half (13,1-24,31) is made up of 4896 words which are a multiple of 17 (288x17).

For the function of 24,31 as a cliffhanger concluding the original version of the book before the Appendix was attached, see the introduction, pages 3-4.

Appendix: 24,32-33 The Burial of Joseph's Bones, Eleazar's Death and Burial

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|---------|------------|-------|-------|------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 657 | Josh 24,32 | 26 | 103 | | 10037 | | Joseph's bones buried in Shechem: 26 |
| 658 | Josh 24,33 | 14 | 52 | | 10051/40 | | The death and burial of Eleazar. |
| 2 vss | Appendix | 40 | 155 | 0 | 40 | | A secondary addition to the book. |
| 658 vss | 1,1-24,33 | 10051 | 39807 | 224x | 10051 | | |
| MT 656 | | | | | | | |

Observation 13 Note that the very last verse, dealing with the death and burial of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, is finalized and sealed by its 52 (2x26) letters.

Having established beyond any doubt that 24,32-33 is an Appendix, it is at this stage difficult for me to date the addition. Future study may shed light on the problem, but my assumption is that this happened at the very last stage of the redaction of the Story of Ancient Israel, Genesis-Kings.

The 17 Divine Speeches in the Book of Joshua

| Number | Texts | Introductions | Words in the Speeches | Totals |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1,1f. | 15 ויאמר | 144 | 159 |
| 2 | 3,7f. | 4 ויאמר | 31 | 35 |
| 3 | 4,1bff. | 5 ויאמר | 37 | 221 (13x17)+ |
| 4 | 4,15f. | 5 ויאמר | 9 | |
| 5 | 5,2 | 6 אמר | 10+ | 16 |
| 6 | 5,9f. | 4 ויאמר | 6+ | 10 |
| 7 | 5,14 | 1 ויאמר God's Swordsman | 8 God's Swordsman | [9] |
| 8 | 5,15 | 6 ויאמר God's Swordsman | 12 God's Swordsman | [18] |
| 9 | 6,2ff. | 4 ויאמר | 63+ | 67 |
| 10 | 7,10ff. | 4 ויאמר | 117+ | 121 |
| 11 | 8,1f. | 4 ויאמר | 42+ 42+ | 46 |
| 12 | 8,18f. | 4 ויאמר | 9+ 9=51(3x17) | 13 |
| 13 | 10,8f. | 4 ויאמר | 11+ | 15 |
| 14 | 11,6 | 4 ויאמר | 21/520 (20x26) | 25 |
| 15 | 13,1ff. | 7 ויאמר | 96 | 103 |
| 16 | 20,1ff. | 5 וידבר | 104 (4x26)/720 | 109/802 |
| 17 | 24,9ff | 5 כה אמר יהוה אלהי ישראל | "197" | 202 |
| 17 DSS | 1,1-24,33 | 87 | 917 | 1004 |

Observation 15 Speech 16 stands out, first, by the fact that וידבר is used instead of ויאמר, and second, because of its 104 (4x26) words by which it is especially highlighted as YHWH's last speech. The other significant features are that 1-4 have altogether 221 (13x17) words, that 11-12 (Chapter 8) have 51 (3x17) words, and that 1-14 (Chapters 1-12) have altogether 520 (20x26) words.

Speech 17 is not an address YHWH actually delivered, but words attributed to him by Joshua as a message he has to convey to the people. In the Books of the Torah I consistently regarded such divine messages as part of the narrative. The author/redactor of Joshua apparently regarded YHWH's words as a real speech in order to achieve altogether 17 divine speeches. This is another point of difference between the book of Joshua and the Books of the Torah.

PS Klaas Eikelenboom has drawn my attention to the fact that all words spoken by humans (that is to say, excluding the divine speeches) amount to 2574 (99x26) words.

I am deeply indebted to him for having independently done the counting and computing in Joshua and for his useful suggestions. His research enabled me to verify my counting; it also brought to light information I myself had missed.